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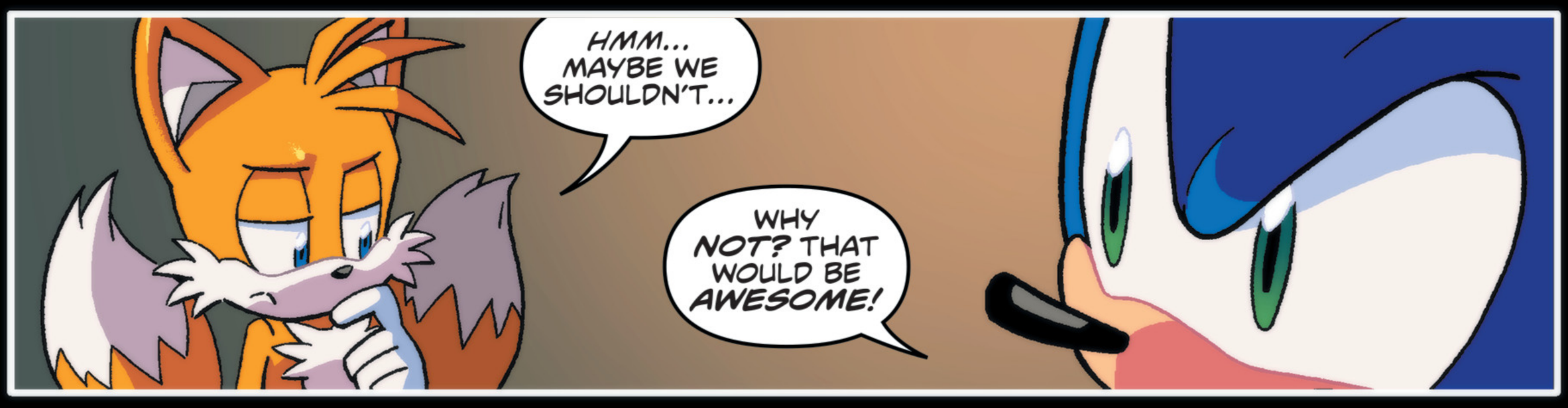
"I AM NEO METAL SONIC. I AM DR. EGGMAN'S GREATEST CREATION. I AM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG—PERFECTED.
"I HAVE USED THE EGG FLEET TO CONQUER ANGEL ISLAND.
"I HAVE SECURED THE MASTER EMERALD—THE MOST POWERFUL GEMSTONE IN THE WORLD.
"I HAVE BAITED THE 'HEROES' INTO BRINGING ME THE LAST THING I NEED FOR MY ASCENSION."

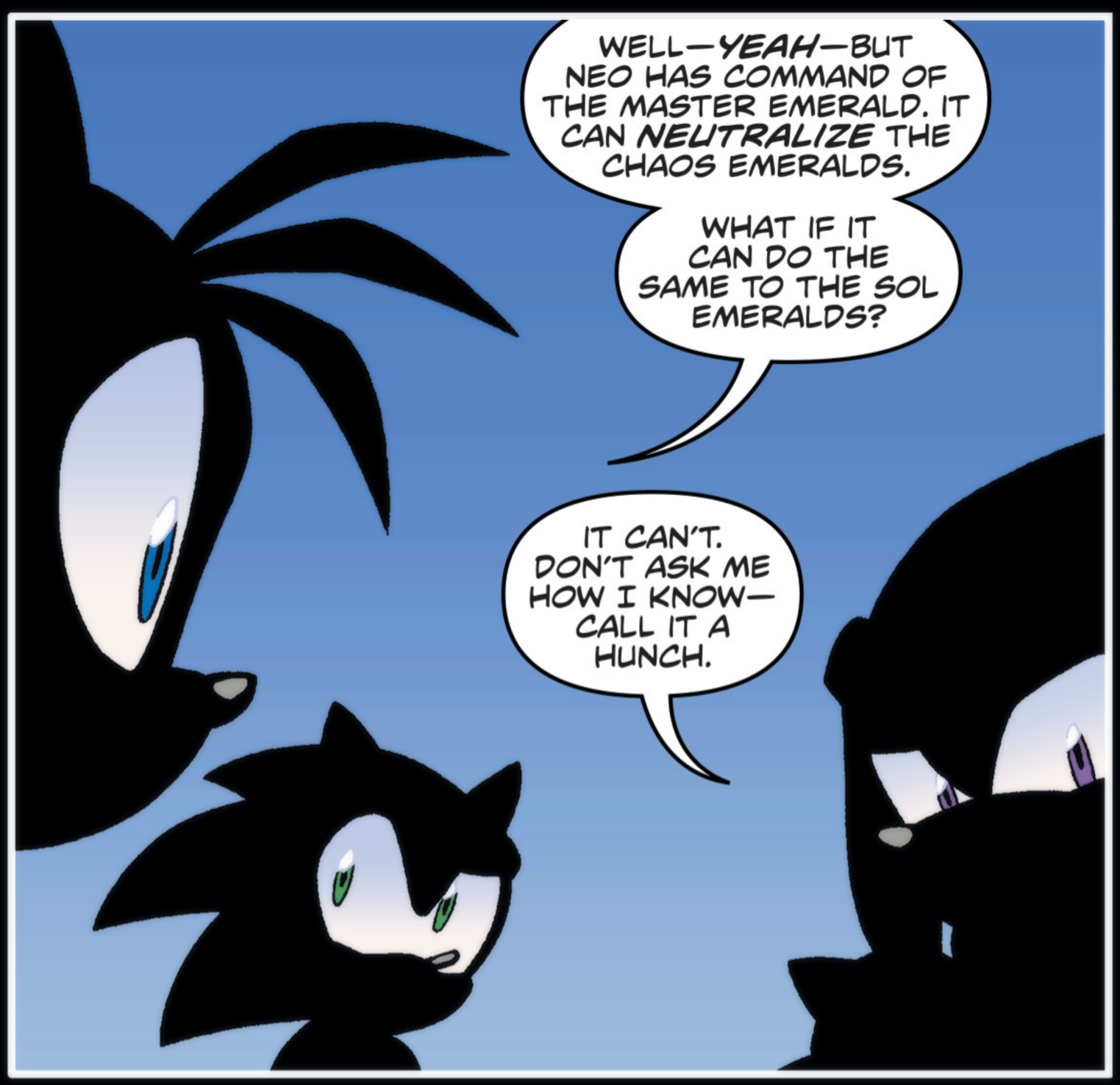
"I HAVE WON!"

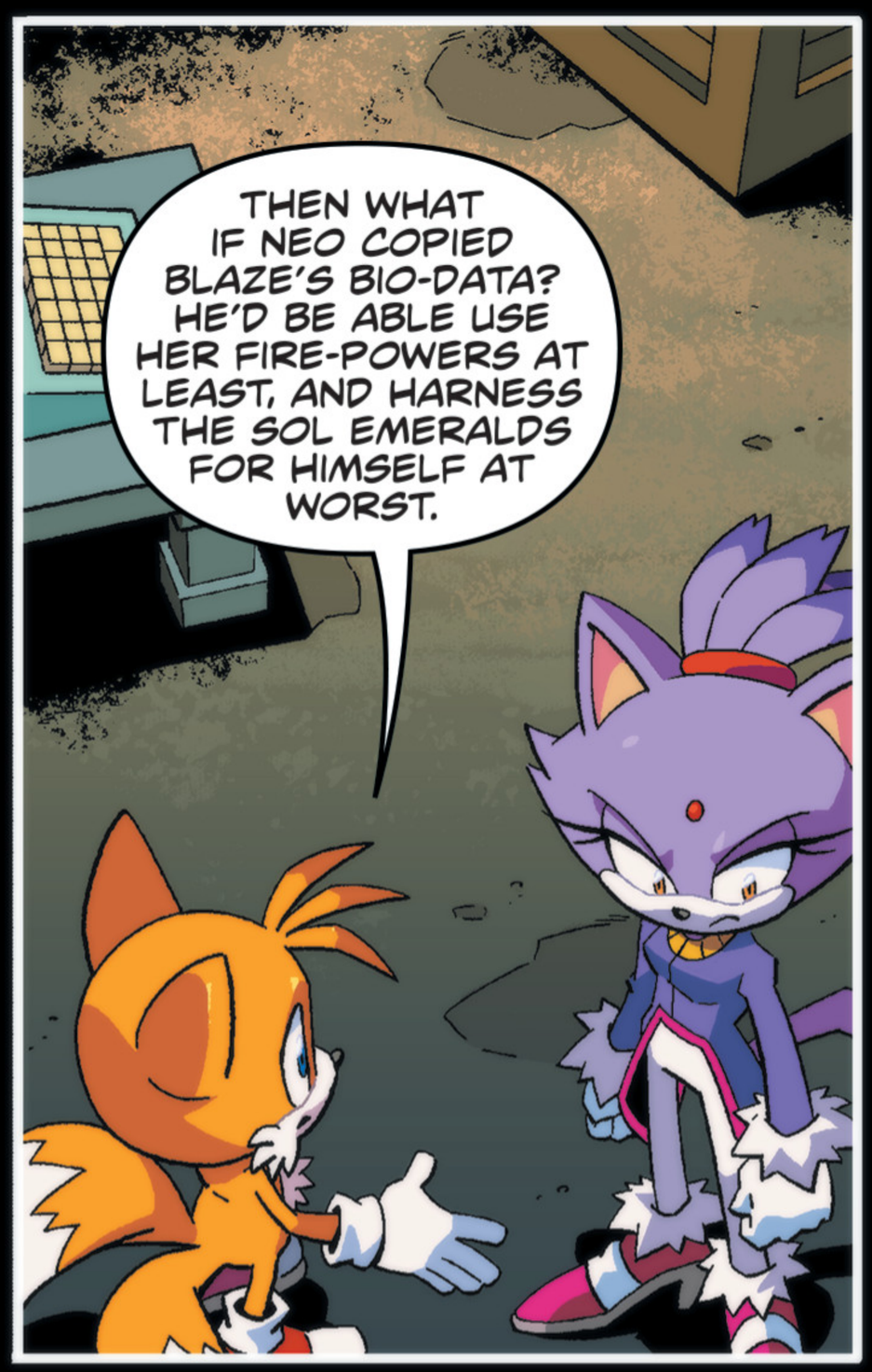
RESISTANCE HQ.
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING SO QUICKLY.
YEAH— WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL OF YOU!

NEO METAL SONIC HAS TAKEN OVER MY ISLAND! HE'S TURNED IT INTO A FLYING FORTRESS!
AND BUILT THAT... THAT THING OVER THE MASTER EMERALD!
I NEVER SHOULD'VE LEFT...
YOU WERE HELPING US DOWN HERE.
AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU GET YOUR HOME BACK.
WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT INTO THREE TEAMS.
TEAMS ONE AND TWO WILL ATTACK THE SHORELINES AND BREAK THE EGG FLEET'S CONTROL OF THE ISLAND.
TEAM THREE WILL CONFRONT NEO METAL SONIC HERE.
THEY'LL SECURE THE MASTER EMERALD AND ROB THE FLEET OF ITS COMMANDER.

I'M ON TEAM THREE!
I THINK EVERYONE ASSUMED THAT, KNUX.
MAY I OFFER A MORE DIRECT OPTION, AMY?
OF COURSE!
I COULD CONFRONT NEO METAL SONIC AS BURNING BLAZE.
WHA-HA-HA-AT?! THAT'D BE AMAZING!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
???
AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, IF SONIC CAN MANAGE TO GATHER UP THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS, HE CAN USE THEIR POWER TO TRANSFORM INTO SUPER SONIC.
ON MY WORLD, WE HAVE SIMILAR GEMS CALLED SOL EMERALDS. WITH THEIR POWER, I CAN BECOME BURNING BLAZE.
IT IS THEIR POWER THAT BROUGHT ME HERE. AS THEIR GUARDIAN, I HAVE KEPT THEM CLOSE ALL THIS TIME.
THEY ARE NOT TO BE WIELDED RECKLESSLY, BUT I BELIEVE THIS CRISIS WOULD JUSTIFY THEIR USE.


HMM... MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T...
WHY NOT? THAT WOULD BE AWESOME!


WELL—YEAH—BUT NEO HAS COMMAND OF THE MASTER EMERALD. IT CAN NEUTRALIZE THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
WHAT IF IT CAN DO THE SAME TO THE SOL EMERALDS?
IT CAN'T. DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW—CALL IT A HUNCH.


THEN WHAT IF NEO COPIED BLAZE'S BIO-DATA? HE'D BE ABLE USE HER FIRE-POWERS AT LEAST, AND HARNESS THE SOL EMERALDS FOR HIMSELF AT WORST.

SORRY, BLAZE. BUT IT'S PROBABLY SAFER IF YOU STAY AWAY FROM NEO.
IT'S FINE. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

BUT—NEO SHOULDN'T BE ANYWHERE NEAR THE FLEETS. BLAZE, I WANT YOU TO BE TEAM ONE! SONIC AND KNUCKLES WILL BE TEAM THREE, SO EVERYONE ELSE—WE'RE TEAM TWO!
EVERYBODY TO THE BATTLESHIP! LET'S GO LIBERATE ANGEL ISLAND!

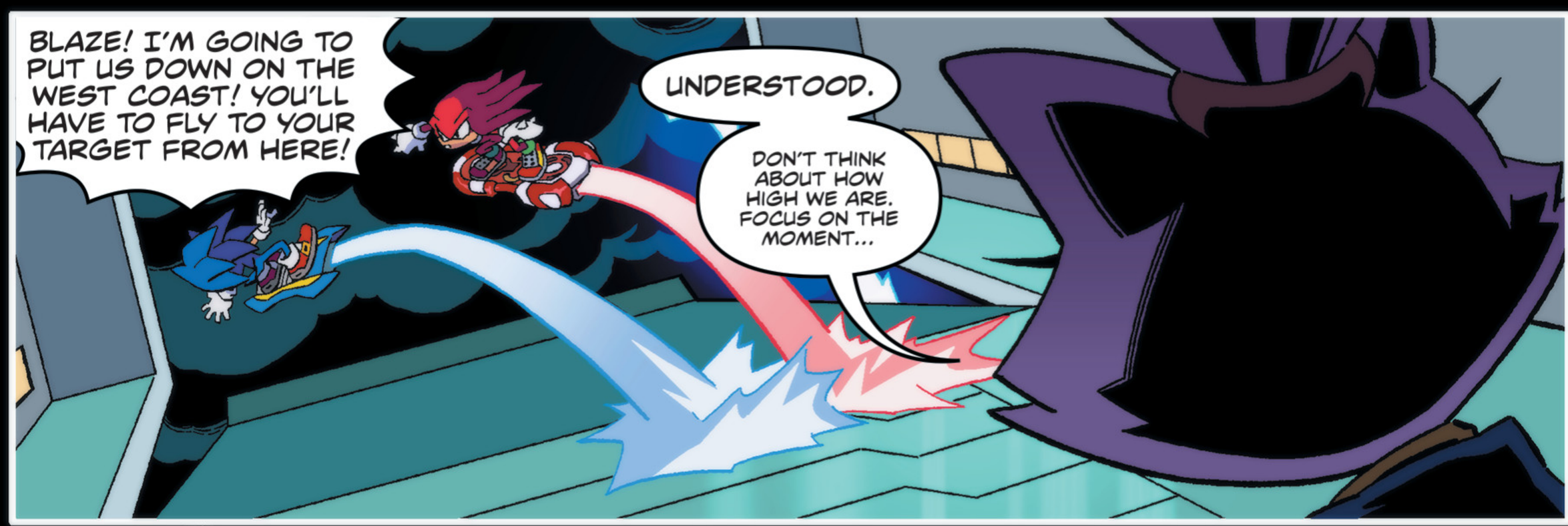
SOON...
I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO HELP. I KNOW CROWDS AREN'T REALLY YOUR THING.
S'OKAY.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME SPACE. BE SAFE DOWN THERE, OKAY?
YOU TOO.
I SHARE THE SENTIMENT. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE FOR A BIG TEAM-UP.
I'M HERE FOR MY OWN REASONS.
MMM... OF COURSE YOU ARE.

ARE YOU SURE THAT ONE CAN BE TRUSTED?
WHISPER? SURE! SHE CERTAINLY LIKES TO KEEP HER DISTANCE...
KINDA REMINDS ME OF HOW A CERTAIN PRINCESS USED TO BE...
HEH. I SUPPOSE I WAS A BIT... DEFENSIVE... WHEN WE ALL FIRST MET.
AND NOW I MARCH TO WAR WITH THE LOT OF YOU.
IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH OUT THERE. PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON YOUR OWN.
HAHA! YOU'RE RIGHT. I NEED TO STAY POSITIVE!
DO NOT WORRY. WE'LL WIN THE DAY.
I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.

YOU'RE NOT USING YOUR MIND-POWERS TO CHEAT, ARE YA?
N-NO! I CAN'T REALLY—
OR USING YOUR FUTURE-KNOWLEDGE?!
IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT!

C'MON! JUST *TRY* TO PLAY A HAND. IT'LL GET YOUR MIND OFF THINGS.
NO. MY ISLAND NEEDS ME. I HAVE NO TIME FOR GAMES.
SO... YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STAND THERE UNTIL WE ARRIVE?
YES.
SUIT YOURSELF.

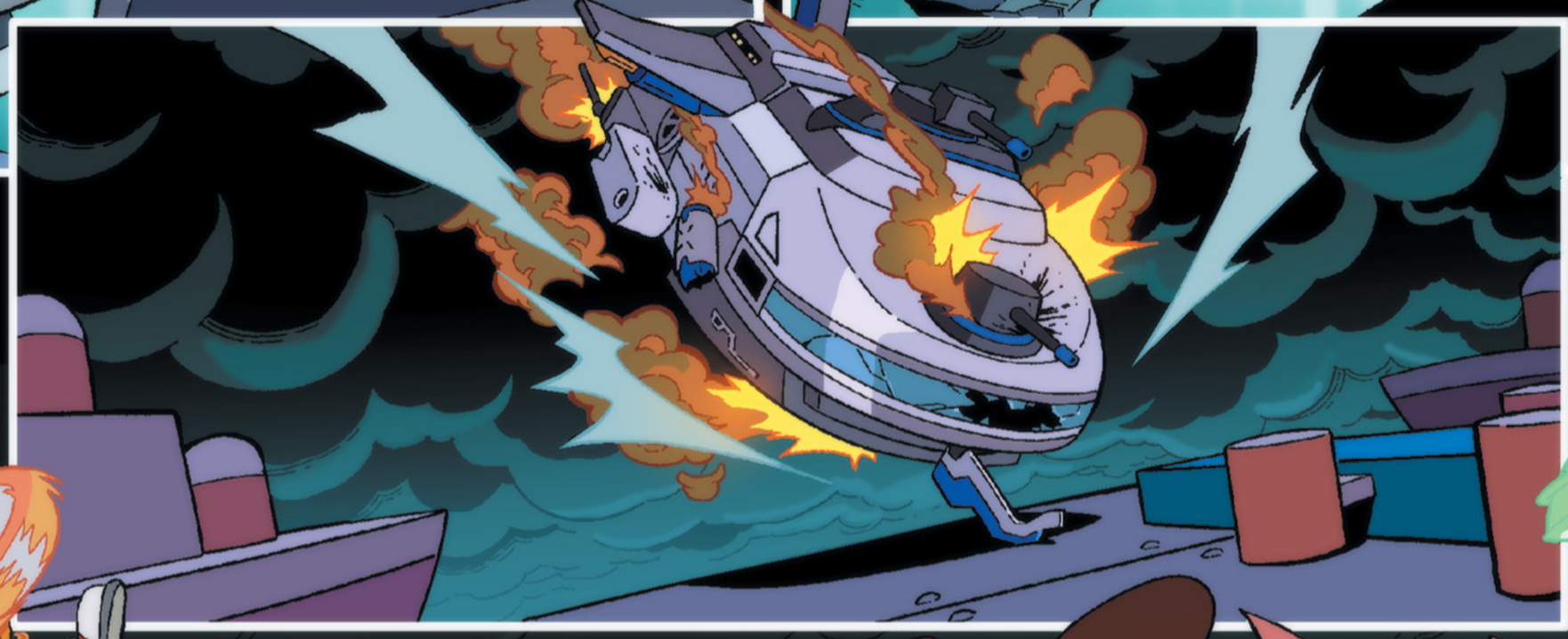
SMOOTH SAILING, CAP'N?
STEADY AS SHE GOES. WHAT BRINGS YOU UP HERE?
I GUESS I'M TOO EXCITED TO HANG WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
WE'LL BE AT ANGEL ISLAND ANY MINUTE NOW, AND THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS WITH MY WINGMAN.
THANKS, PARTNER. WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS.
WE ALWAYS DO.
KA-BLAM
AND HERE WE WERE HAVING A MOMENT...
NEO ISN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES! THE ENTIRE EGG FLEET IS BOMBARDING US!
YOU AND KNUCKLES GRAB YOUR EXTREME GEAR! I'LL GET US AS CLOSE AS I CAN, BUT—
KA-BLAM
GOOD LUCK, BUDDY!
KA-BLAM


BLAZE! I'M GOING TO PUT US DOWN ON THE WEST COAST! YOU'LL HAVE TO FLY TO YOUR TARGET FROM HERE!
UNDERSTOOD.
DON'T THINK ABOUT HOW HIGH WE ARE. FOCUS ON THE MOMENT...

FWASH
FWOOSH

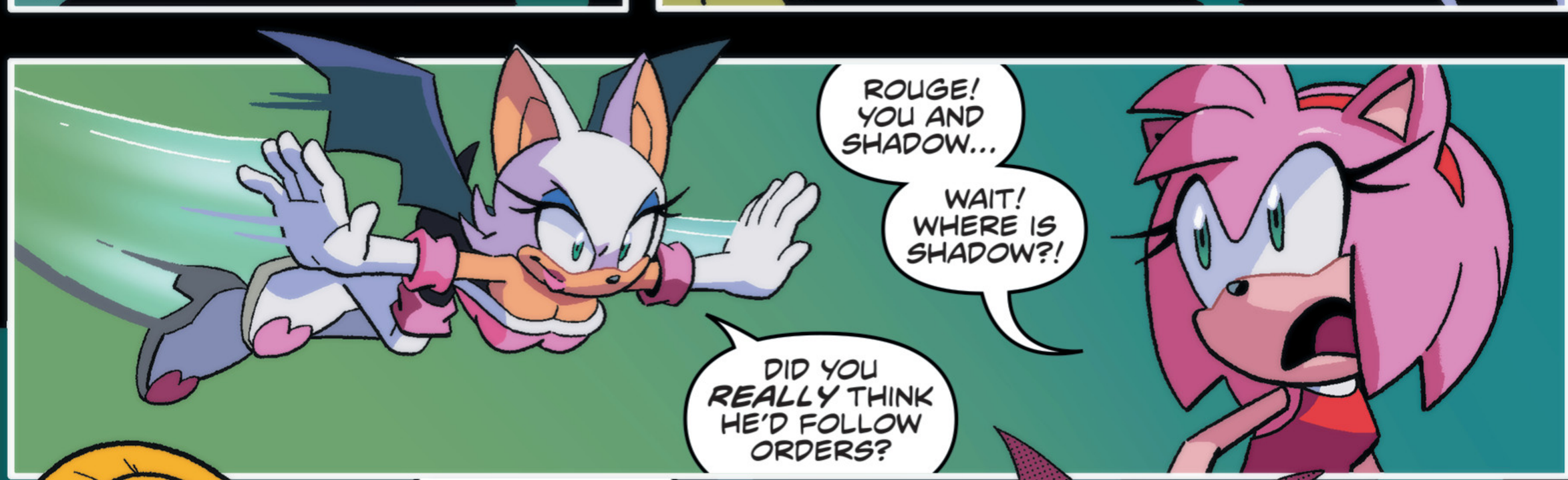
TAILS! WE'VE GOT TO GO!
I KNOW! I KNOW! I'M JUST PUTTING IN THE FINAL TRAJECTORY—!

GO! GO! GO!!!



WHA-BOOM

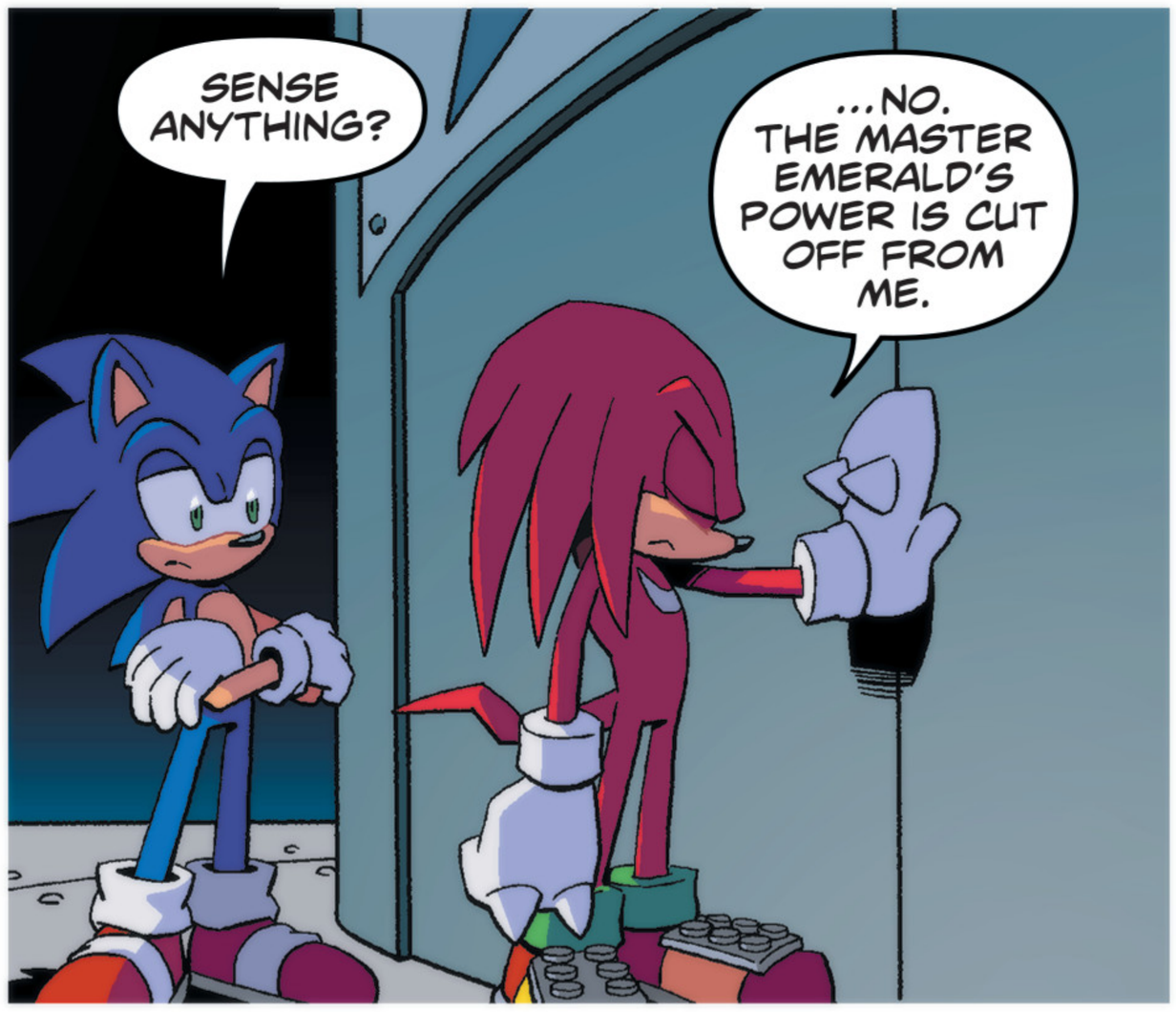
VECTOR! YOU LEAD TEAM CHAOTIX! STICK TOGETHER AND DO YOUR THING!
SILVER! WRECK STUFF!

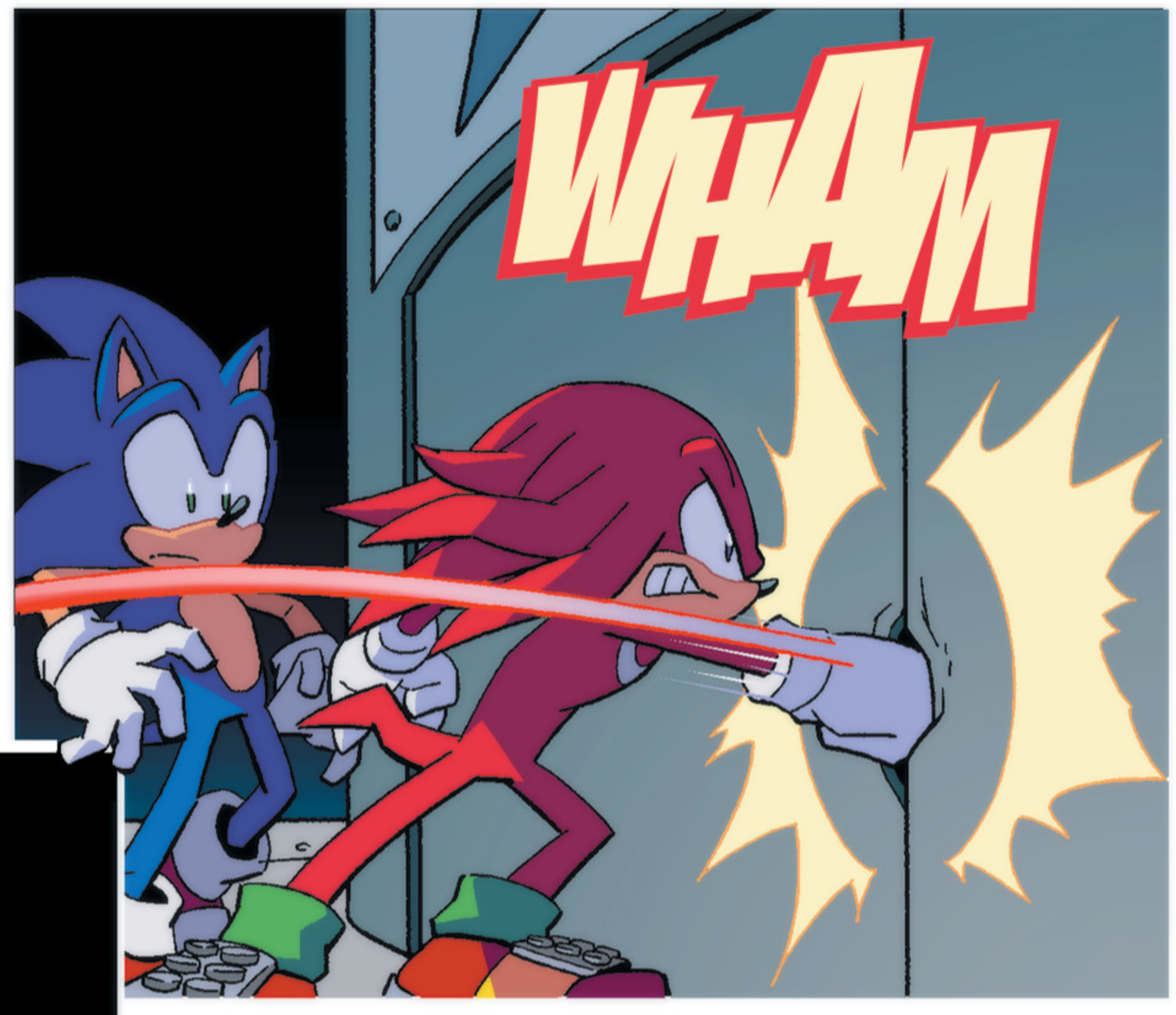

ROUGE! YOU AND SHADOW...
WAIT! WHERE IS SHADOW?!
DID YOU *REALLY* THINK HE'D FOLLOW ORDERS?

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER. WELL THEN—I'M COUNTING ON *YOU* TO HANDLE THE GUNS!
CONSIDER IT DONE!
TANGLE! WHISPER! COVER TAILS WHILE HE DOES SOMETHING SMART!
HAHA! WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW! *YOU'RE* THE GENIUS!

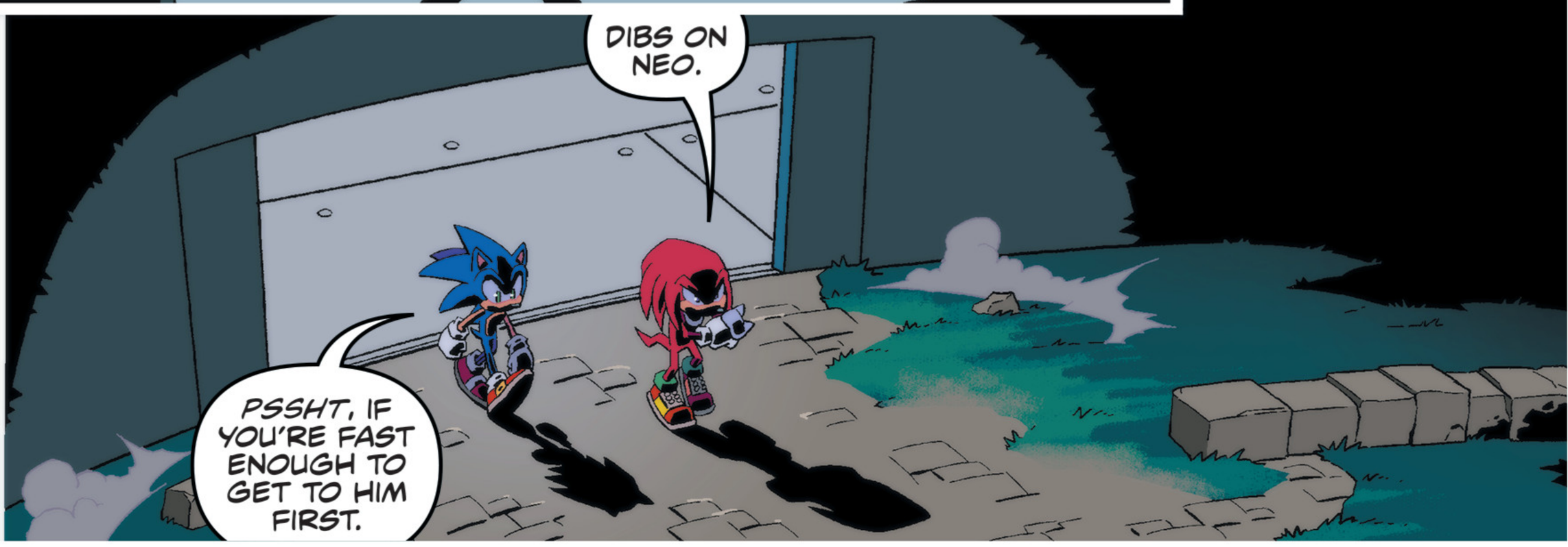
I MUST FINISH MY MISSION HERE QUICKLY. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY FRIENDS TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES FOR TOO LONG.
HEH... MY FRIENDS. I'VE NOT HAD THEM IN MY LIFE FOR LONG...
...BUT I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO KEEP THEM SAFE!
WHA-
BOOM

WELL... THAT'S OVERT.
WE'RE NOT HERE FOR SIGHT-SEEING. LET'S GET MOVING!


SENSE ANYTHING?
...NO. THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER IS CUT OFF FROM ME.


WHAM

CREEEEEEEEEEK


DIBS ON NEO.
PSSHT, IF YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO GET TO HIM FIRST.

IT'S OVER, POINTY. OUR FRIENDS ARE WRECKING YOUR STUFF, AND WE'RE HERE TO STOP YOU.
RELEASE THE MASTER EMERALD! NOW!
THE RESISTANCE'S PALTRY EFFORTS DO NOT CONCERN ME.
ONE BY ONE, THEY'LL ALL BECOME A BLACK MARK ON THE FLOOR.
AND YOU TWO ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO MY POWER.
SAYS YOU! LET'S GET HIM, KNUX!
FWASH

GREAT. JUUUUUST GREAT.
WELL? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO "STOP ME?"
COME. SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF.

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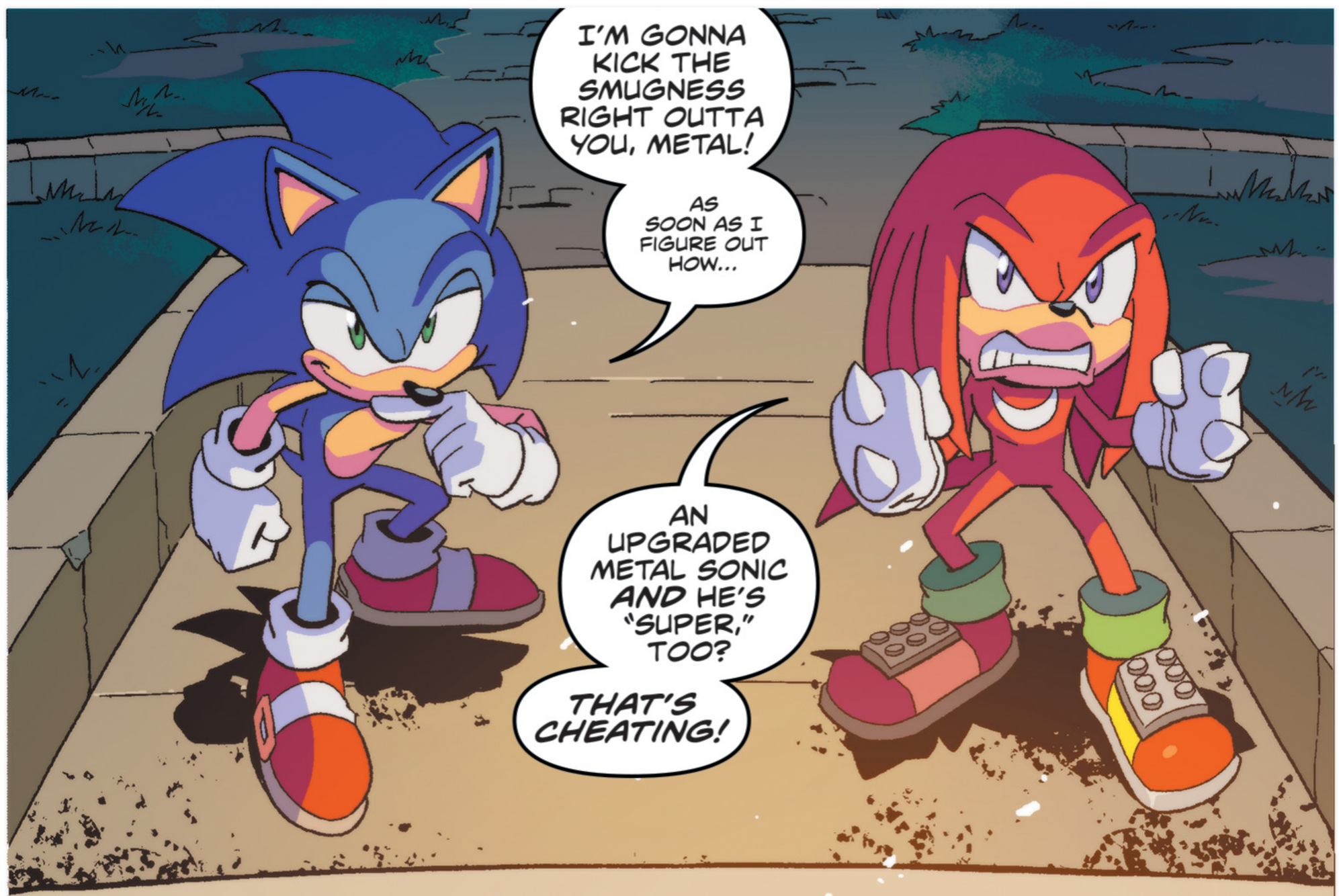
NEO METAL SONIC'S STRONGHOLD, ANGEL ISLAND.

WELL? YOU CAME HERE TO STOP ME, DIDN'T YOU? STEP RIGHT UP.



SUCH A DISAPPOINTING CHOICE OF LAST WORDS.
CRACKLE
BOOM
KNUX! SECURE THE MASTER EMERALD SO HE CAN'T DRAW POWER FROM IT! I'LL KEEP HIM BUSY!
ARE YOU NUTS?! HE'LL CRUSH YOU!
ONLY IF HE CATCHES ME FIRST!
"IF"?
SHKOOM

WHUD
ZOT
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DISTRACT HIM?
JUST GETTING WARMED UP, THAT'S ALL.
I HOPE EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING BETTER THAN US RIGHT NOW...

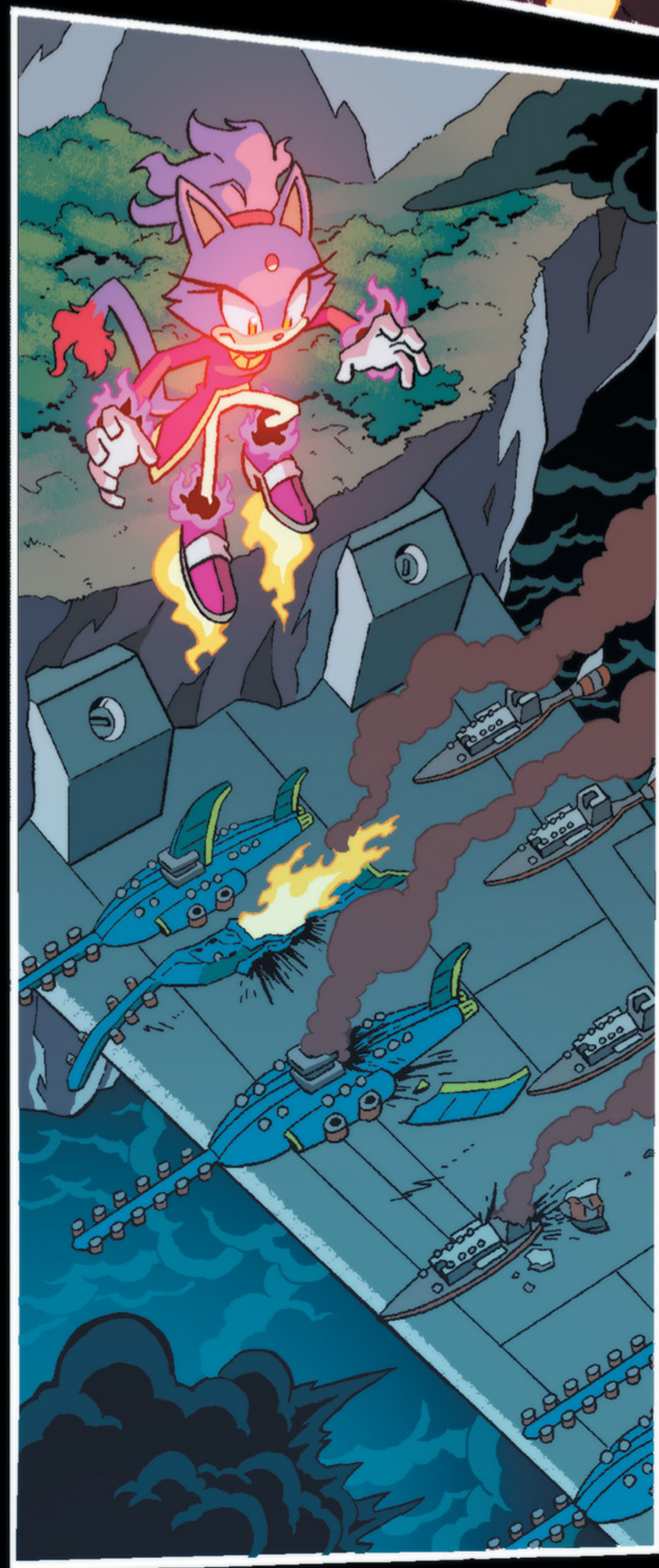
MEANWHILE...
NNNGH! COVER ME!
I'M GONNA TURN THEIR BIG GUNS AGAINST THEM!
SKYOW
WOO!
KA-BOOM

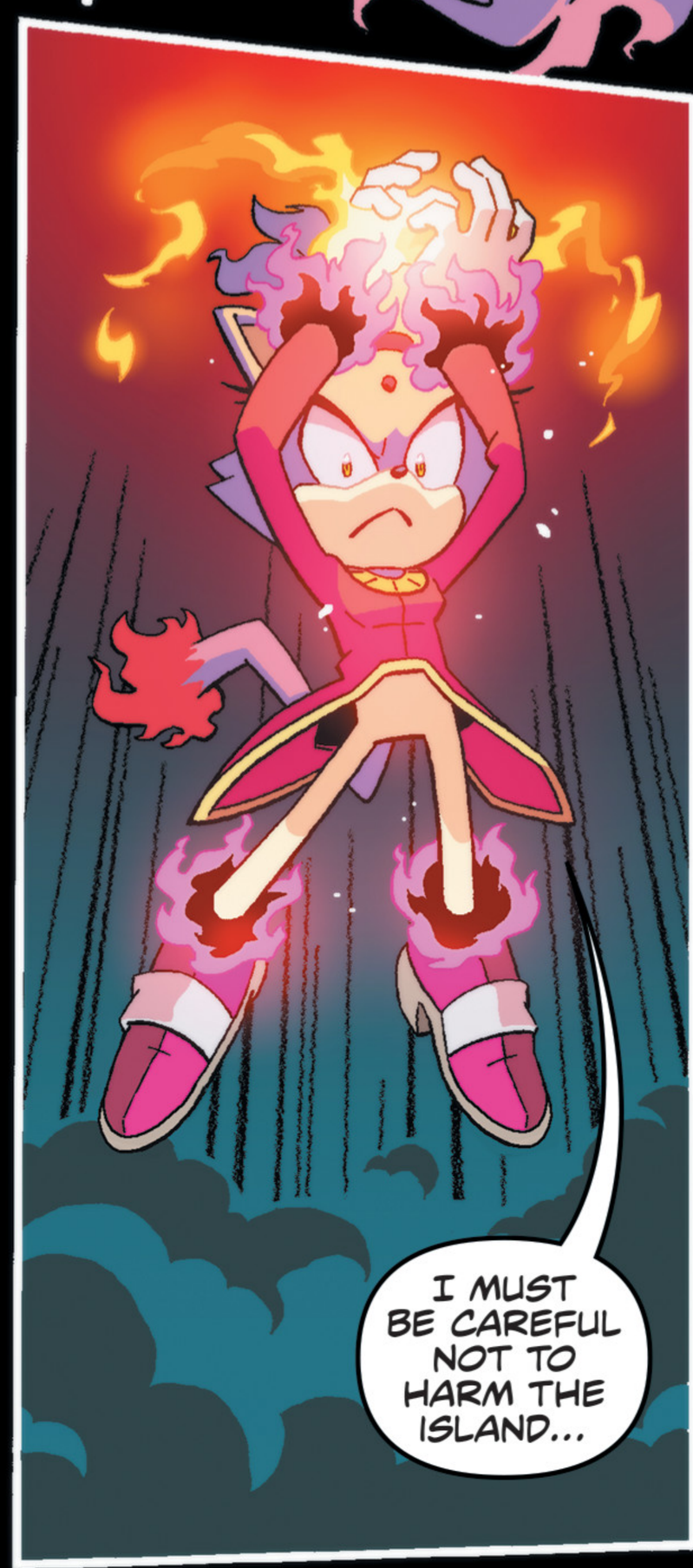
!
WE'RE NOT MAKING A LOT OF HEADWAY!
BUT WE'RE NOT LOSING, EITHER! KEEP IT UP!
PIKO
WE NEED TO WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER! I'VE GOT A PLAN! COVER ME!
RESISTANCE! FORM UP ON TAILS! HE HAS A PLAN!
BLAZE! ARE YOU DOING OKAY?

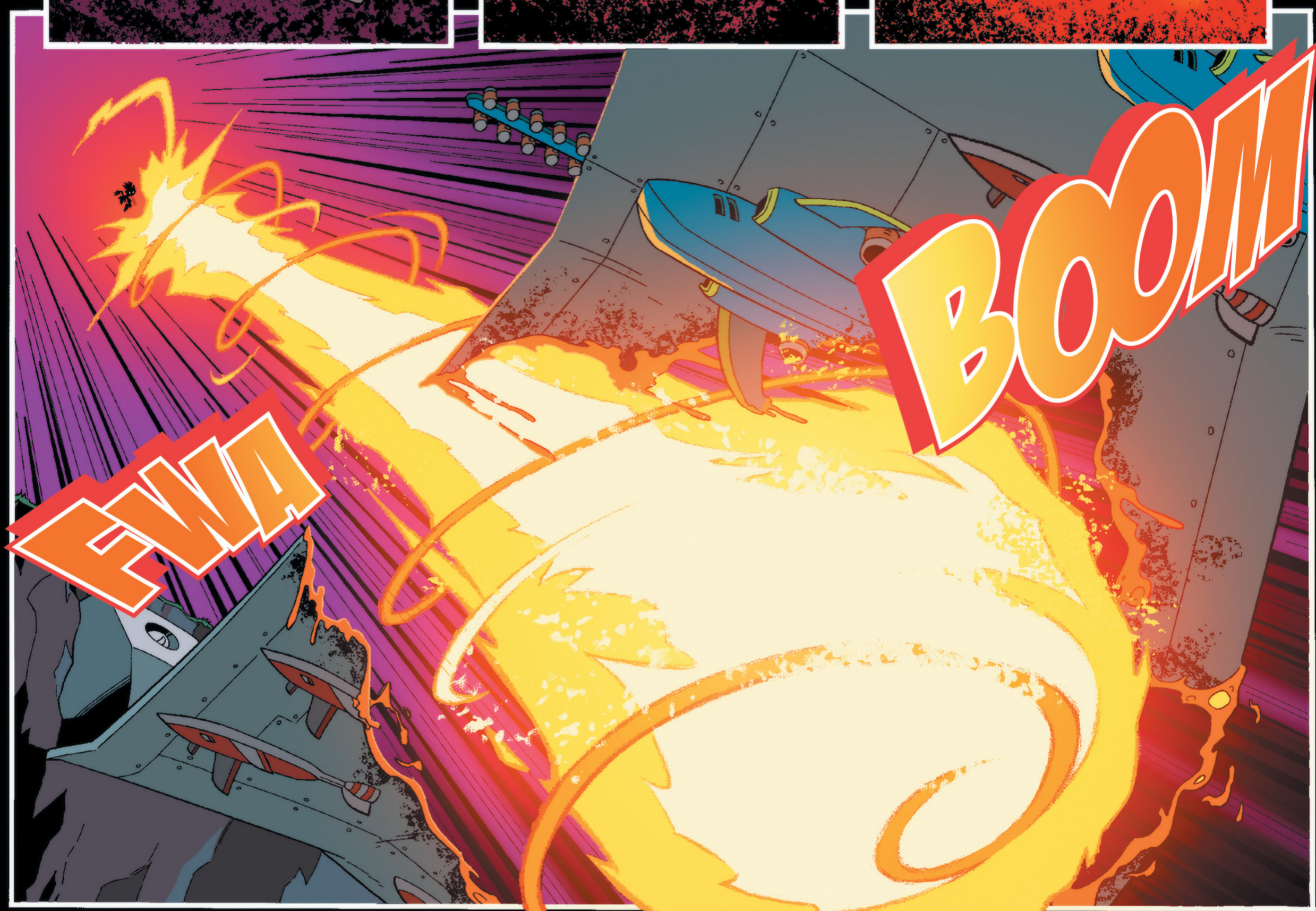
I'M HOLDING MY OWN. I'LL JOIN YOU ALL SOON.

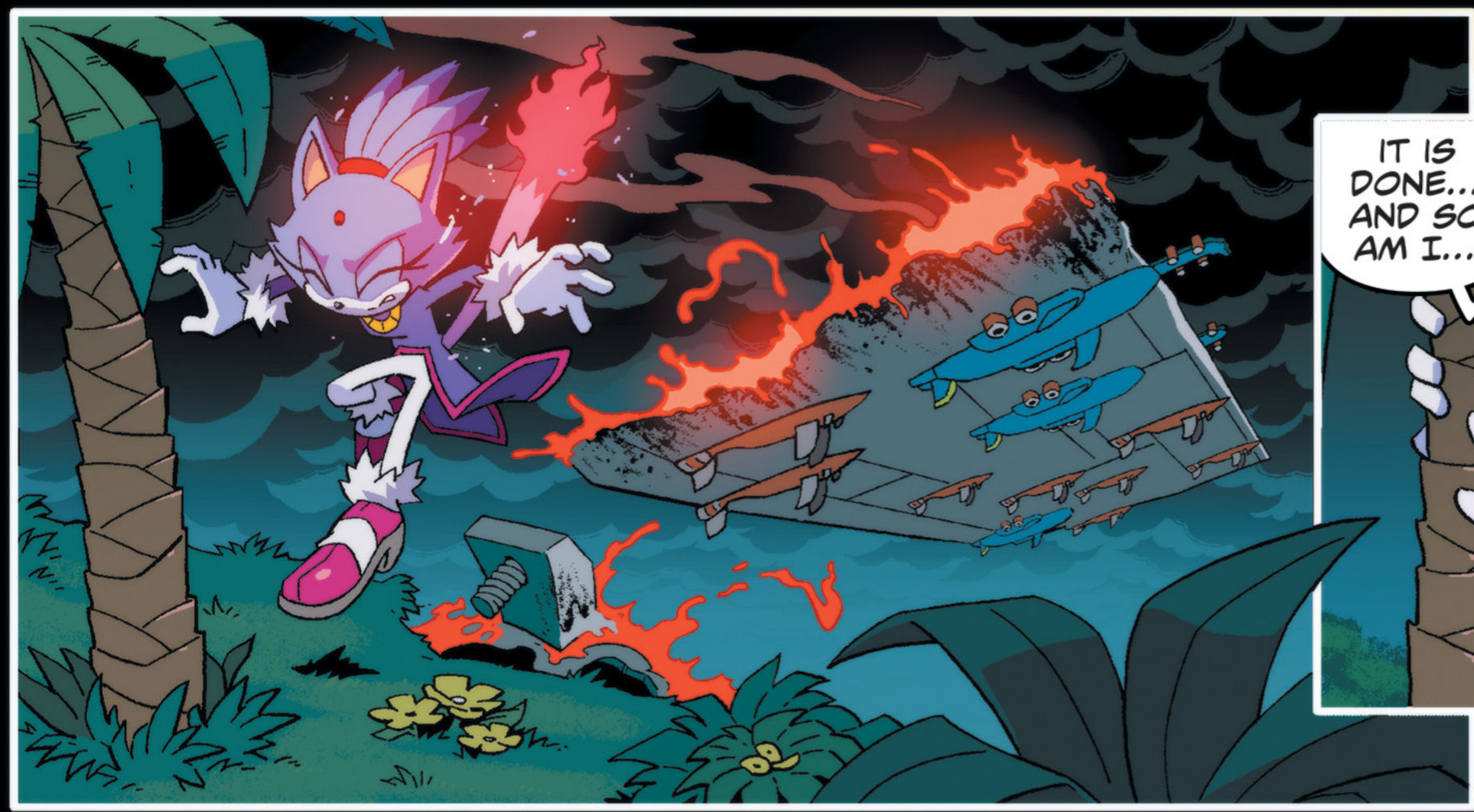
THE ENEMY CAN'T HARM ME IN THIS FORM, BUT THEY *CAN* SLOW ME DOWN.

I CAN ONLY MAINTAIN IT FOR SO LONG...






EWA
BOOM



IT IS DONE... AND SO AM I...

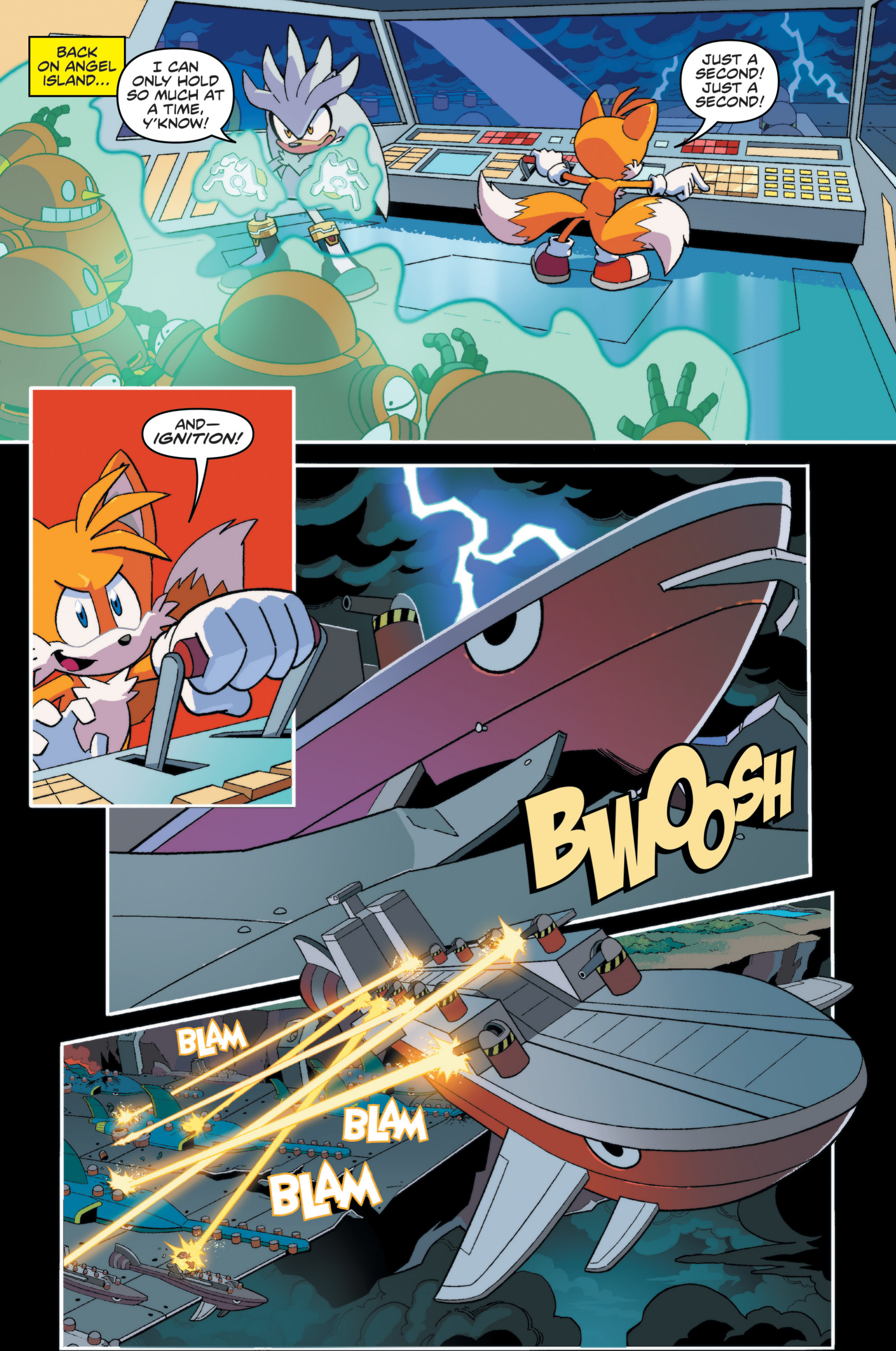
MEANWHILE...

JUST FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS WHEREVER YOU GO! YOU'RE PERFECT IN EVERY WAY!

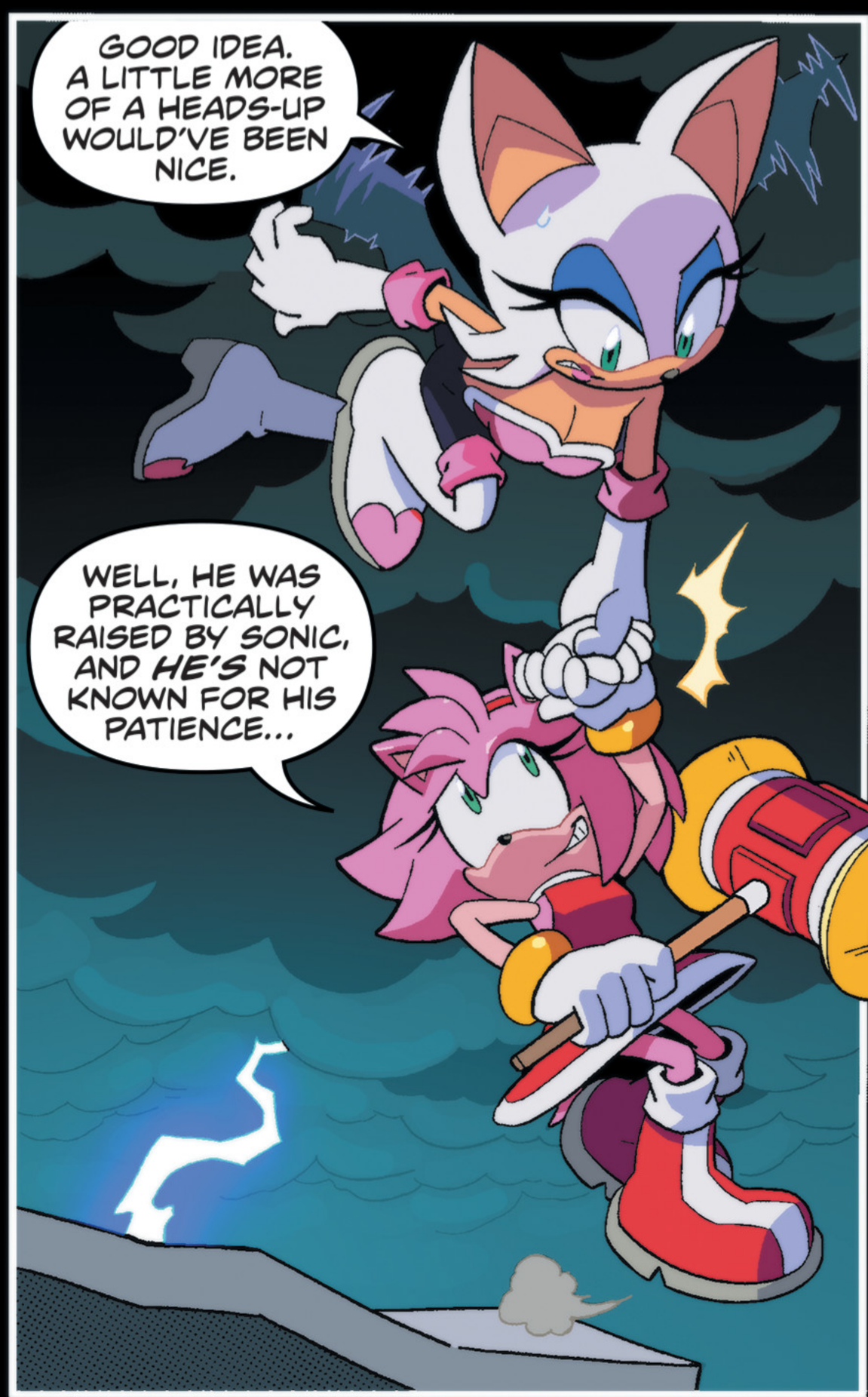
I LOVE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAKE THINGS THAT GO! THERE IS NO OBSTACLE THAT STANDS IN MY WAY!

I AM—!

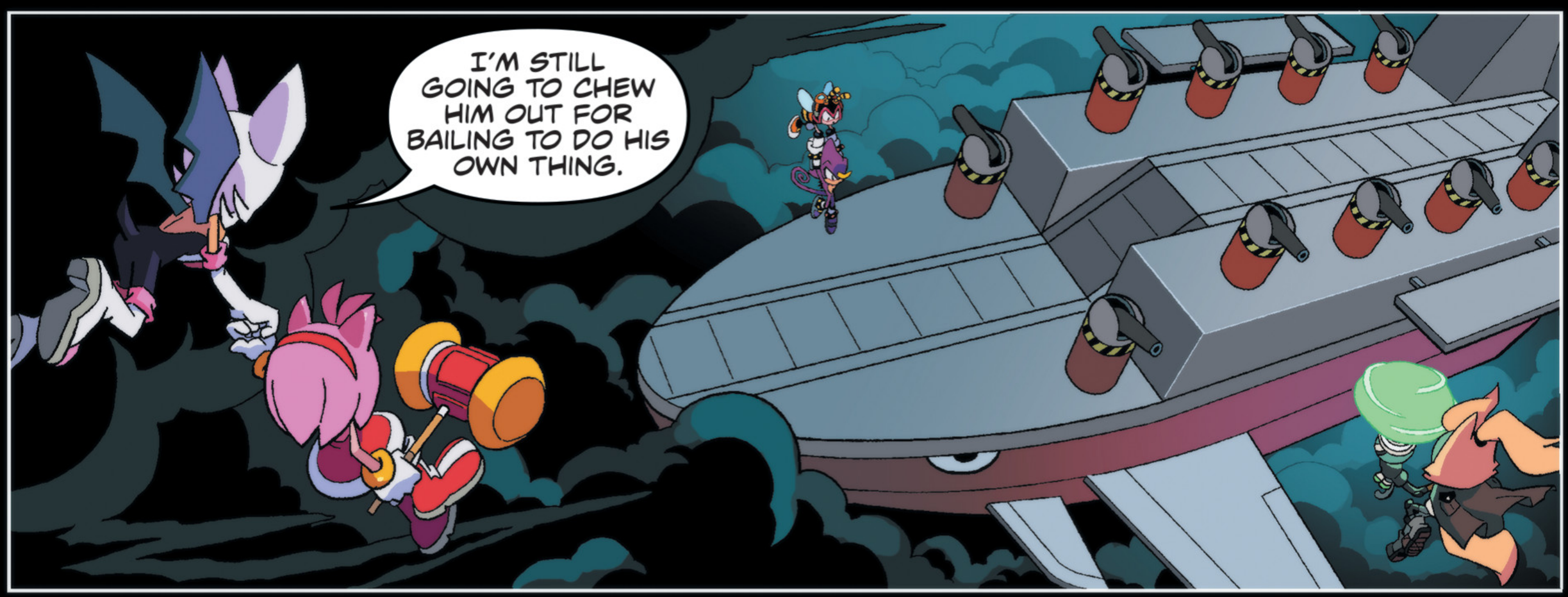
EGGMAN LAND

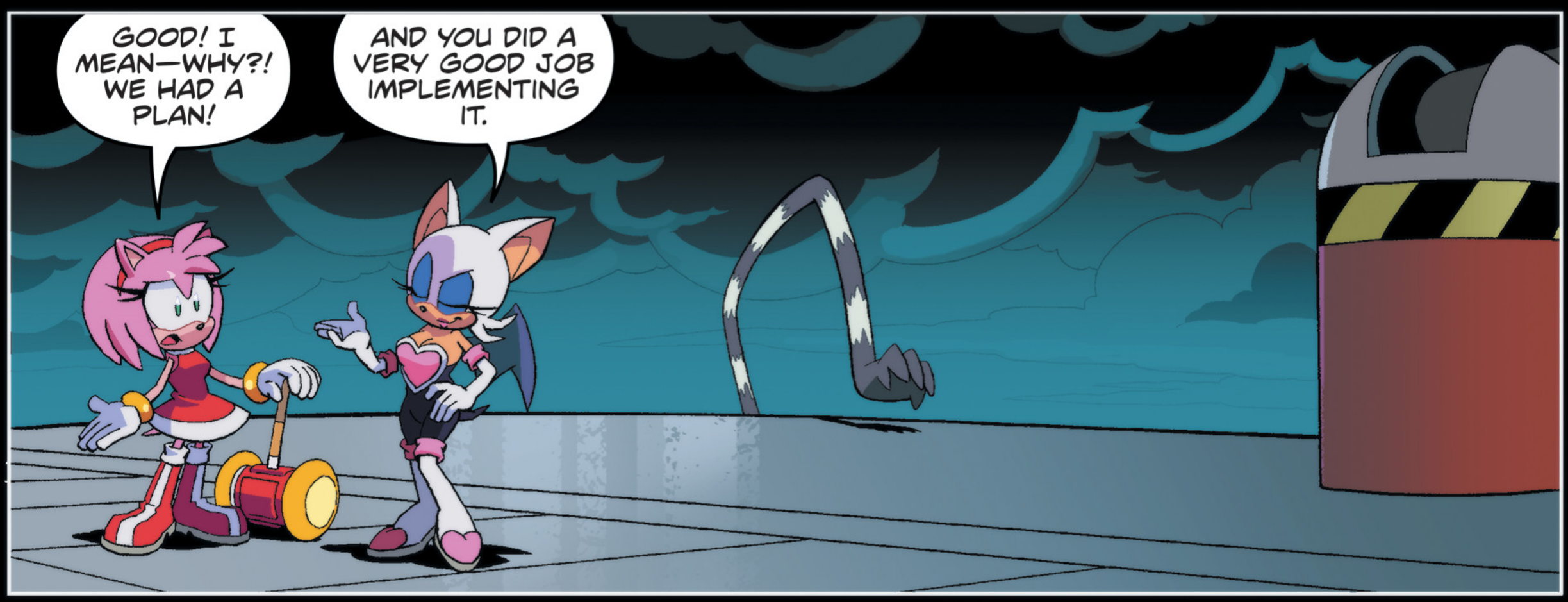

BACK ON ANGEL ISLAND...
I CAN ONLY HOLD SO MUCH AT A TIME, Y'KNOW!
JUST A SECOND! JUST A SECOND!
AND— IGNITION!
BWOOSH
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

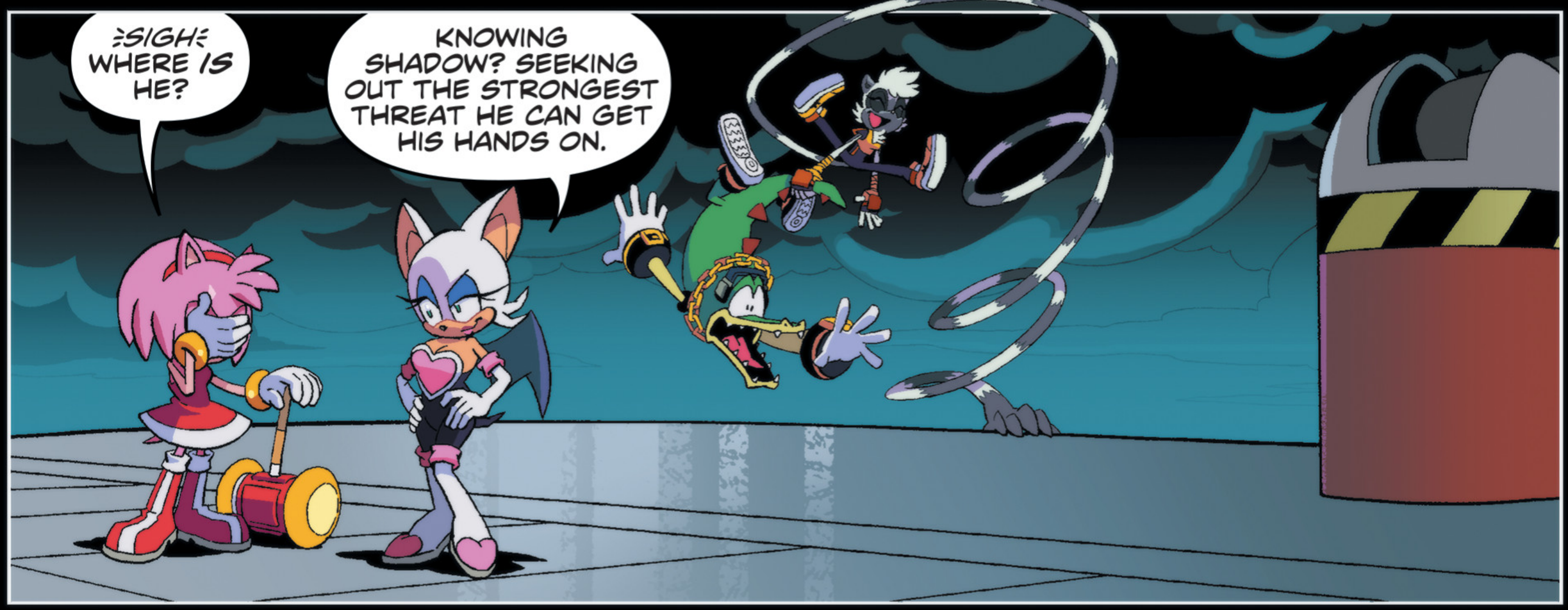
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE FLYING!

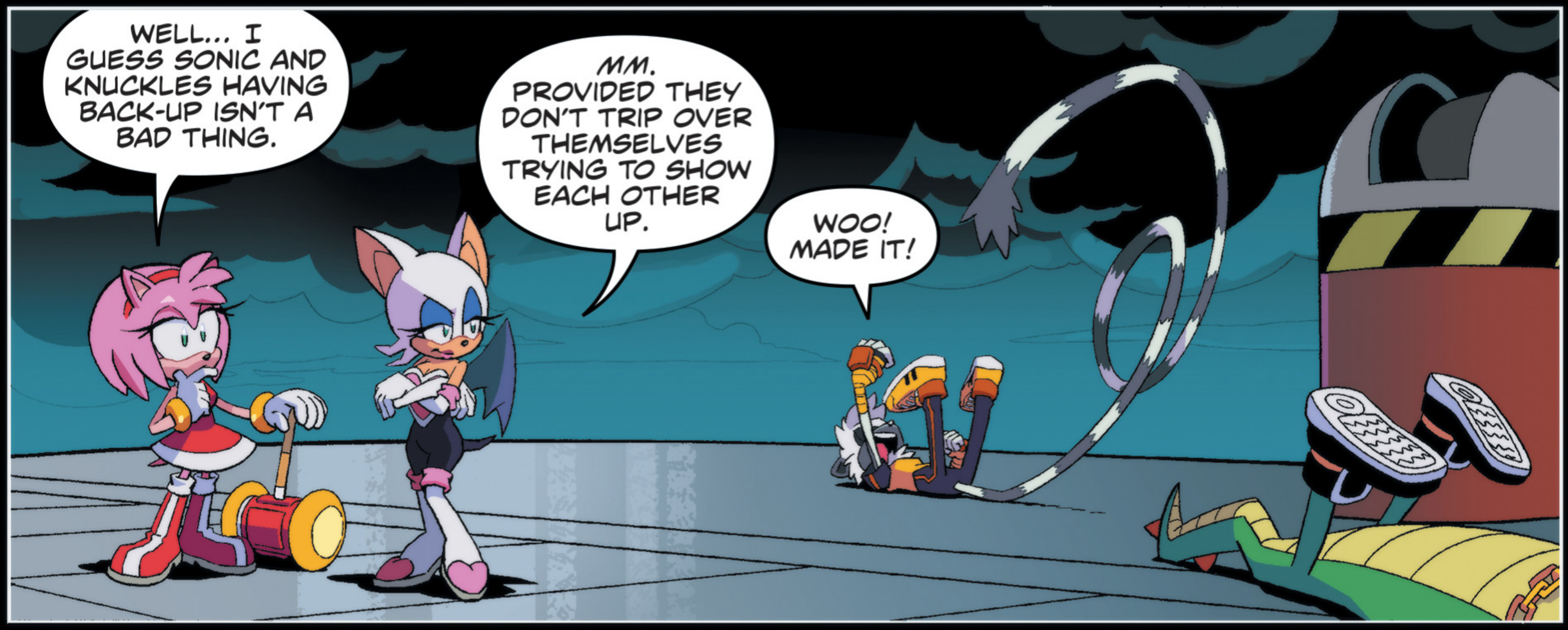

GOOD IDEA. A LITTLE MORE OF A HEADS-UP WOULD'VE BEEN NICE.
WELL, HE WAS PRACTICALLY RAISED BY SONIC, AND *HE'S* NOT KNOWN FOR HIS PATIENCE...

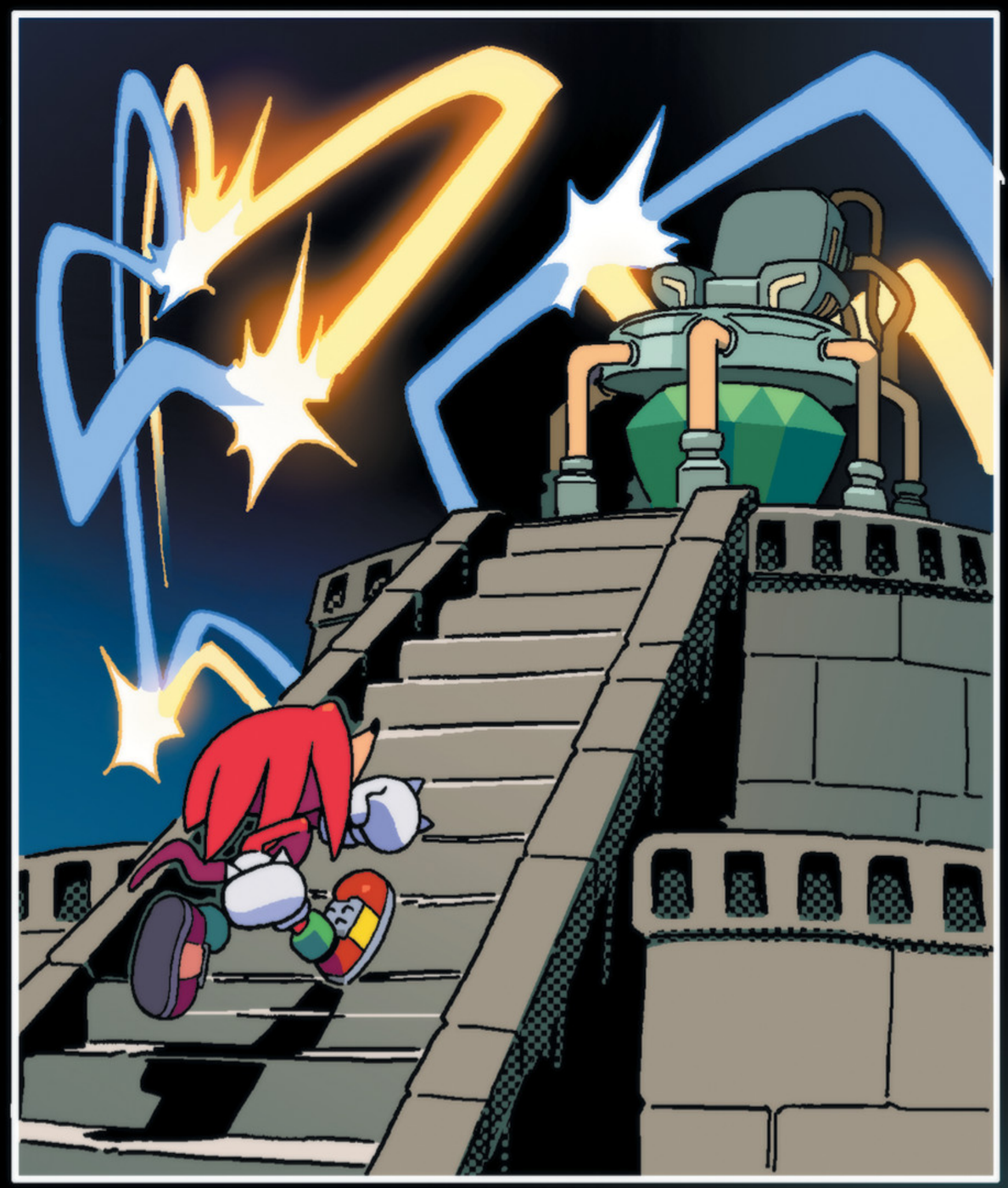
HA! LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T NEED SHADOW'S HELP AFTER ALL!

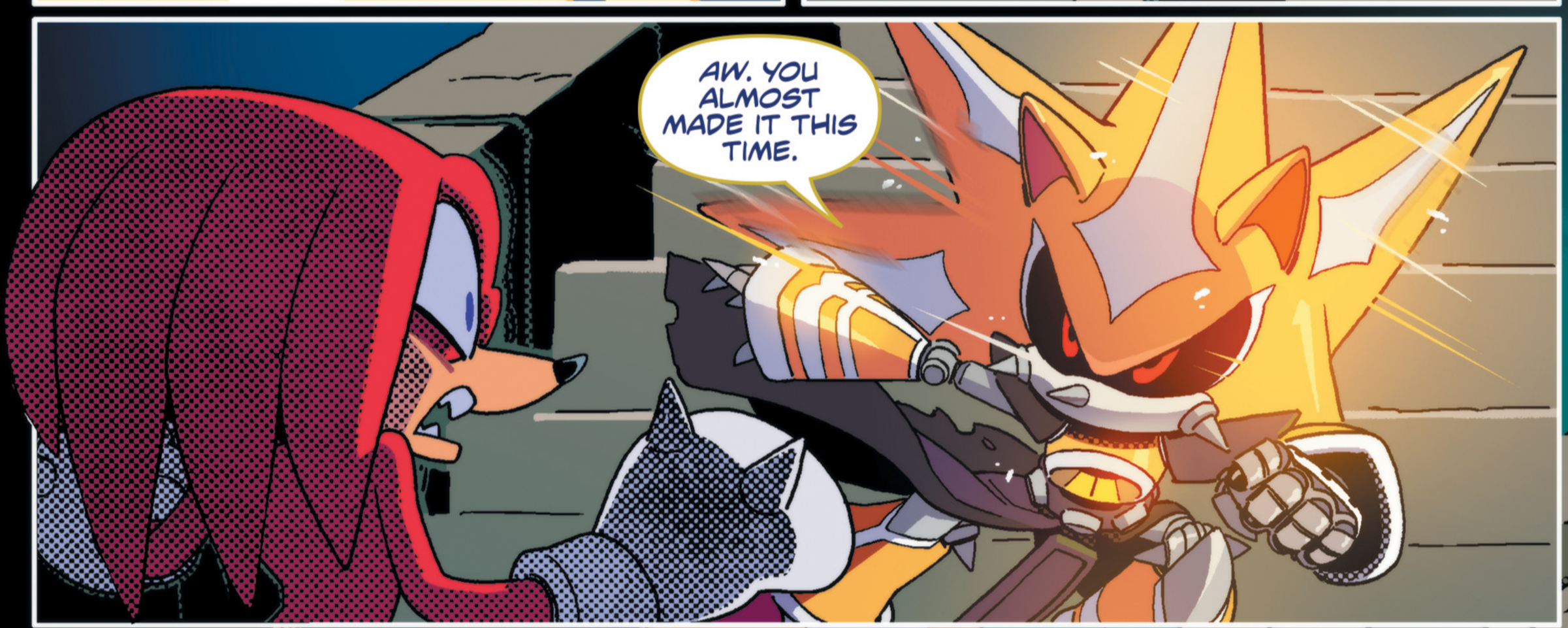

I'M STILL GOING TO CHEW HIM OUT FOR BAILING TO DO HIS OWN THING.


GOOD! I MEAN—WHY?! WE HAD A PLAN!
AND YOU DID A VERY GOOD JOB IMPLEMENTING IT.


SIGH WHERE IS HE?
KNOWING SHADOW? SEEKING OUT THE STRONGEST THREAT HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON.

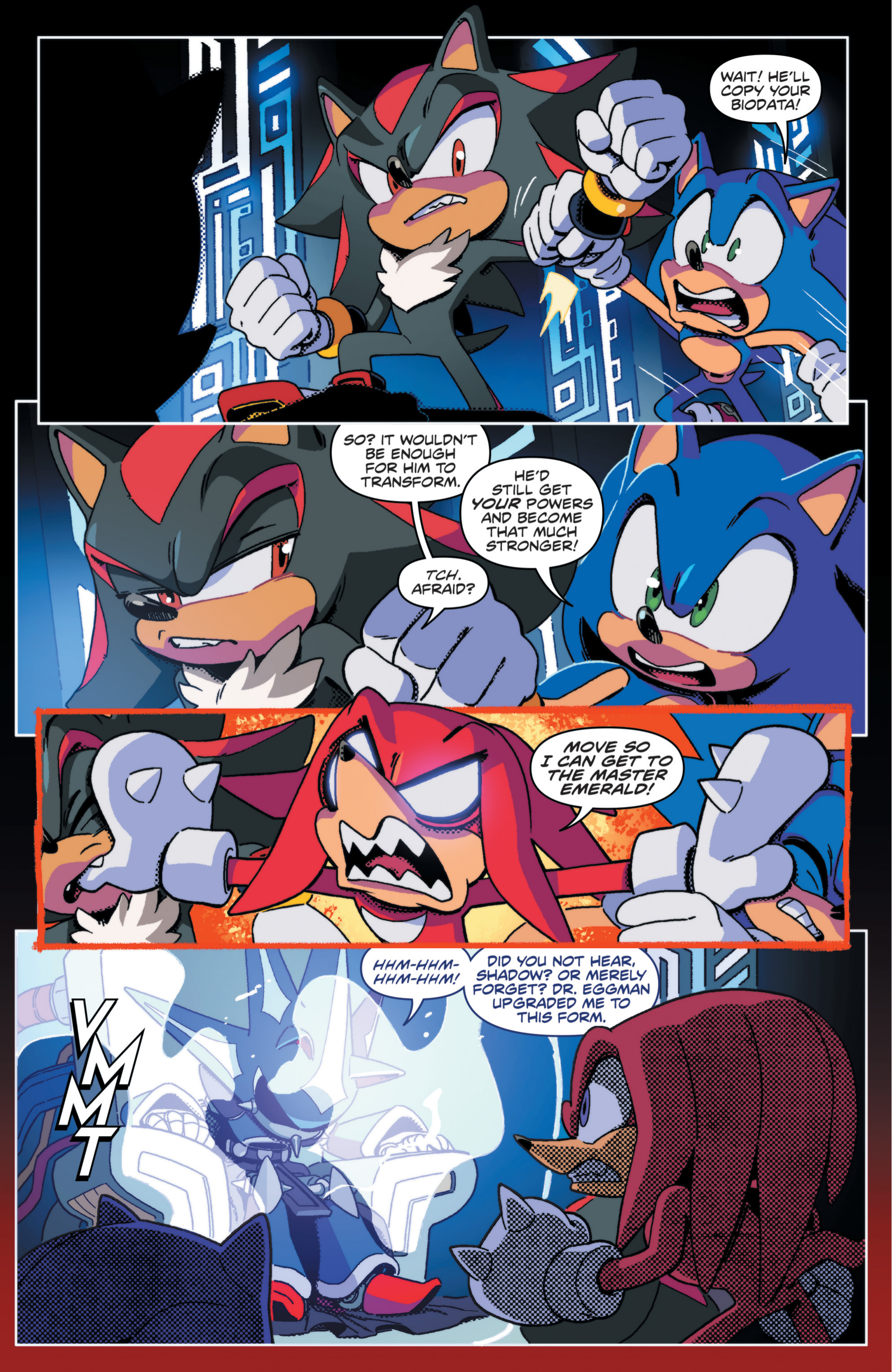

WELL... I GUESS SONIC AND KNUCKLES HAVING BACK-UP ISN'T A BAD THING.
MM. PROVIDED THEY DON'T TRIP OVER THEMSELVES TRYING TO SHOW EACH OTHER UP.
WOO! MADE IT!




AW. YOU ALMOST MADE IT THIS TIME.

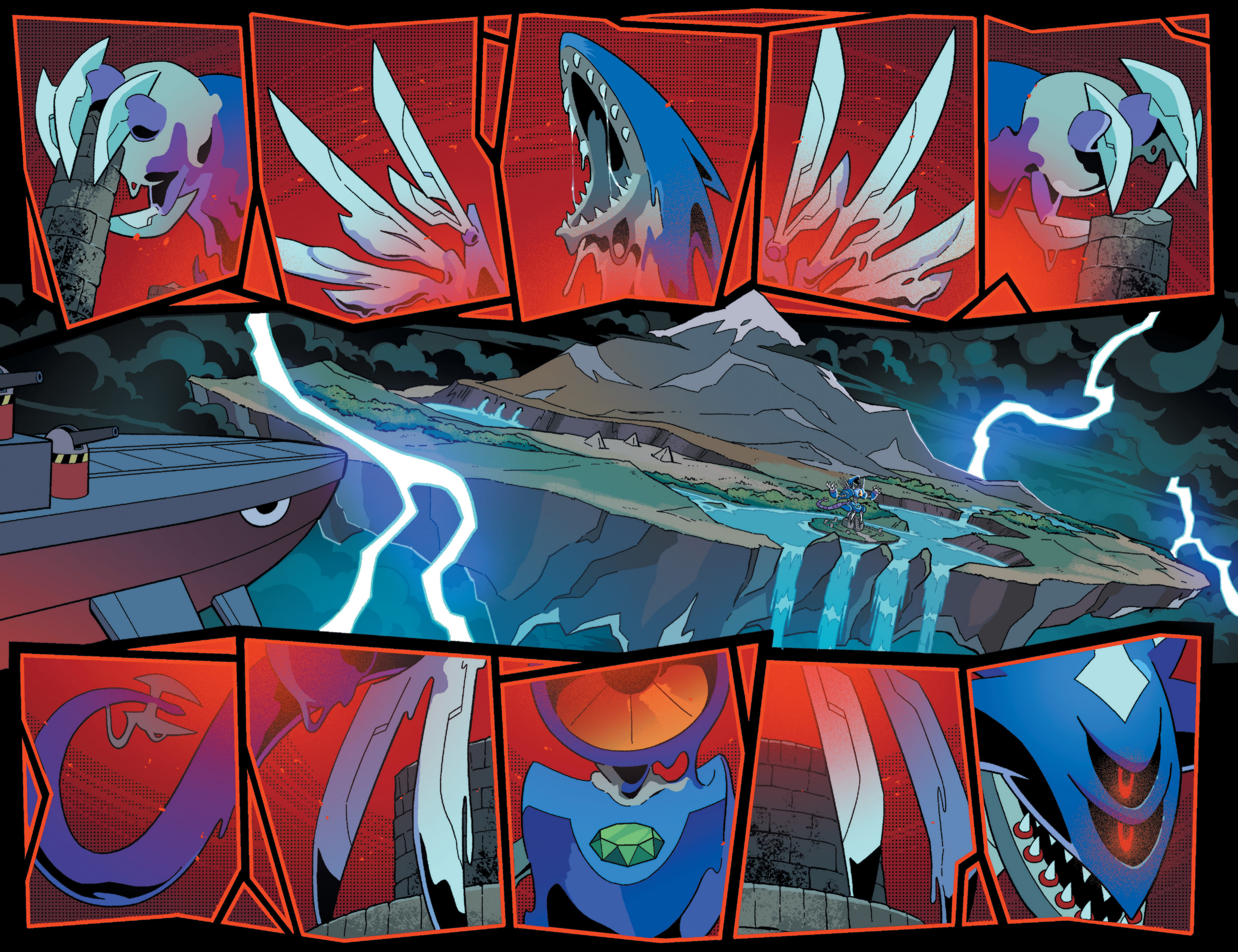
I AM DISAPPOINTED. TRULY. YOU'RE DEFEATED, AND I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO UNLEASH MY FINAL FORM–

KZZT
SHADOW?!
WHAT...?


WAIT! HE'LL COPY YOUR BIODATA!
SO? IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR HIM TO TRANSFORM.
HE'D STILL GET YOUR POWERS AND BECOME THAT MUCH STRONGER!
TCH. AFRAID?
MOVE SO I CAN GET TO THE MASTER EMERALD!
HHM-HHM-HHM-HHM!
DID YOU NOT HEAR, SHADOW? OR MERELY FORGET? DR. EGGMAN UPGRADED ME TO THIS FORM.
VMMT

HE REMOVED THAT PESKY LIMITATION YOU COUNTED ON. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE FINAL PIECE.
ALL I NEED IS SONIC'S BIODATA... YOUR BIODATA AS THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM...
...AND THE MASTER EMERALD ITSELF!
WAY TO GO, SHAD. THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP.
YEAH! HE'S RIGHT THERE! WE CAN GET TO HIM!
THIS ISN'T OVER!
UH... GUYS? I THINK A TACTICAL RETREAT IS IN ORDER.

WELL... ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YOU'VE GOT YOUR SHRINE BACK.
RRRRRUMBLE
WHAT NOW?
THE MASTER EMERALD HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM ANGEL ISLAND!
WITHOUT ITS POWER, WE'RE ALL GOING TO FALL INTO THE OCEAN!



NOW, SONIC, MY LOATHSOME COPY! BOW BEFORE YOUR MASTER OVERLORD!

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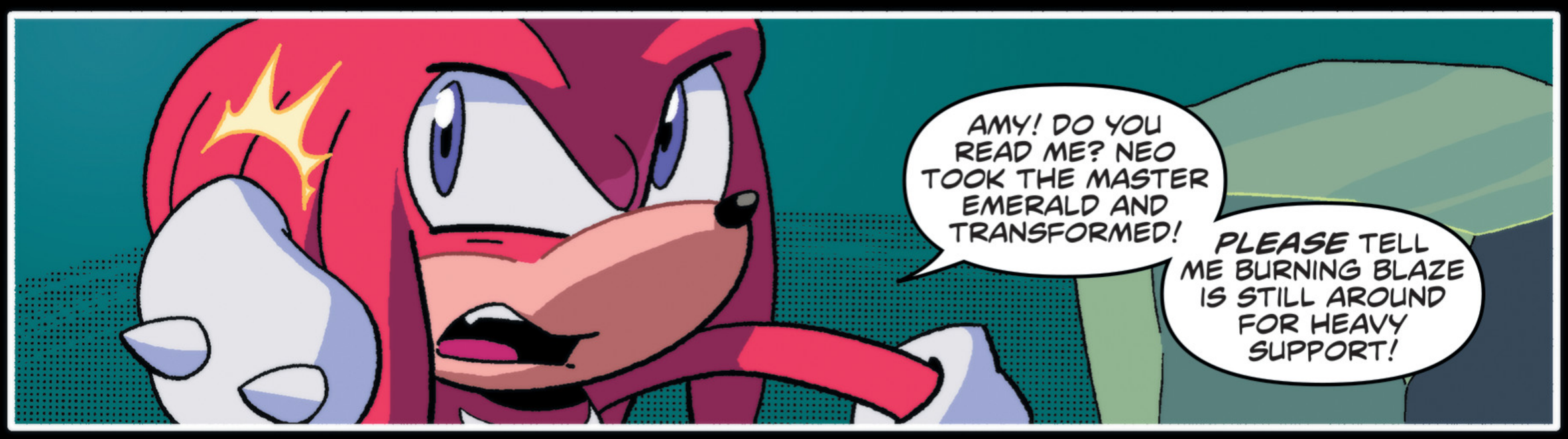
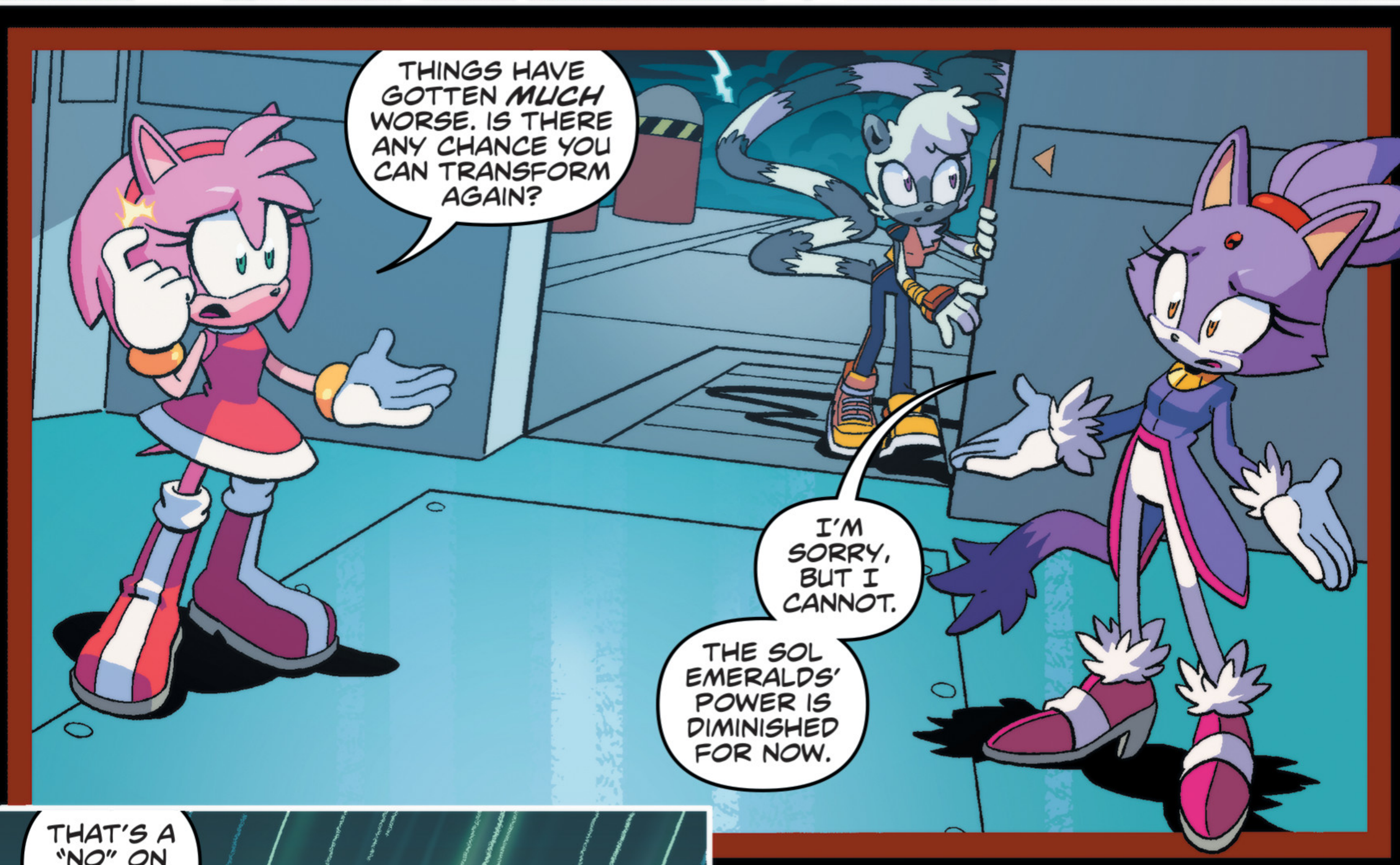
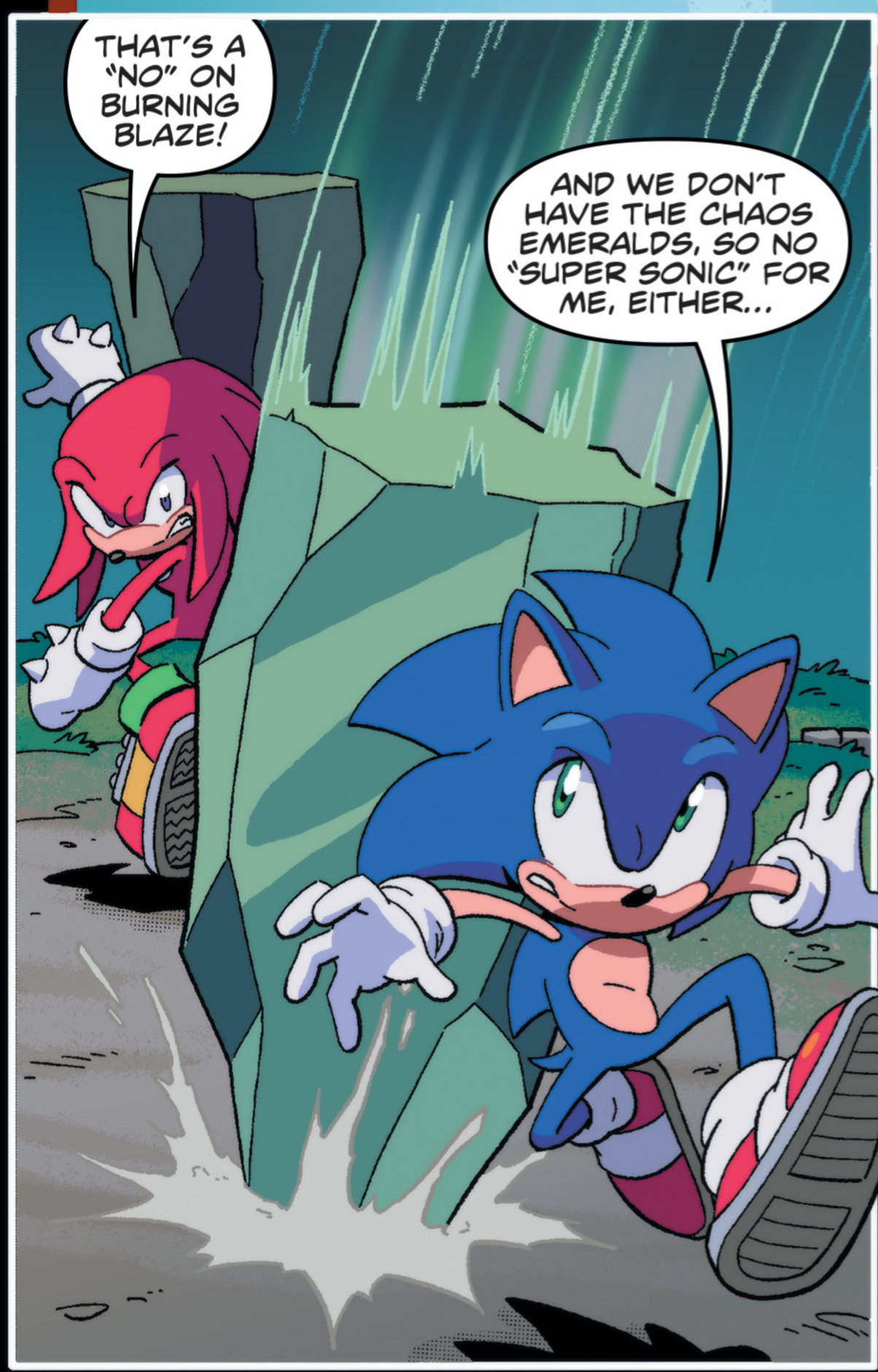
ANGEL ISLAND.
A REMOTE AND MYSTERIOUS LAND THAT FLOATS THROUGH THE SKY THANKS TO THE POWER OF THE MASTER EMERALD...
...IS IN FREEFALL!
WHY IS THE ISLAND FALLING? DID DESTROYING THE WINGS DO THIS...?
BLAZE!
GRAB ON!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T KNOW COMPLETING MY MISSION WOULD CAUSE THIS!
NO! IF THE ISLAND IS FALLING...

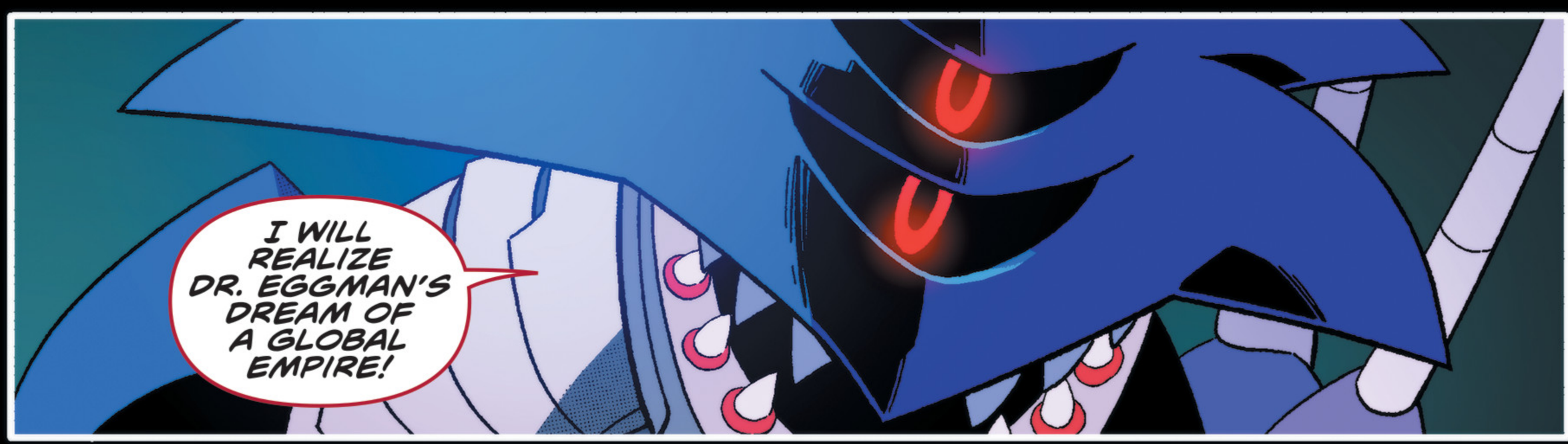
"...IT MEANS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE MASTER EMERALD!"
ON THE PLUS SIDE—HE'S NOT IN A "SUPER" STATE ANYMORE!


AMY! DO YOU READ ME? NEO TOOK THE MASTER EMERALD AND TRANSFORMED!
PLEASE TELL ME BURNING BLAZE IS STILL AROUND FOR HEAVY SUPPORT!


THINGS HAVE GOTTEN MUCH WORSE. IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU CAN TRANSFORM AGAIN?
I'M SORRY, BUT I CANNOT.
THE SOL EMERALDS' POWER IS DIMINISHED FOR NOW.

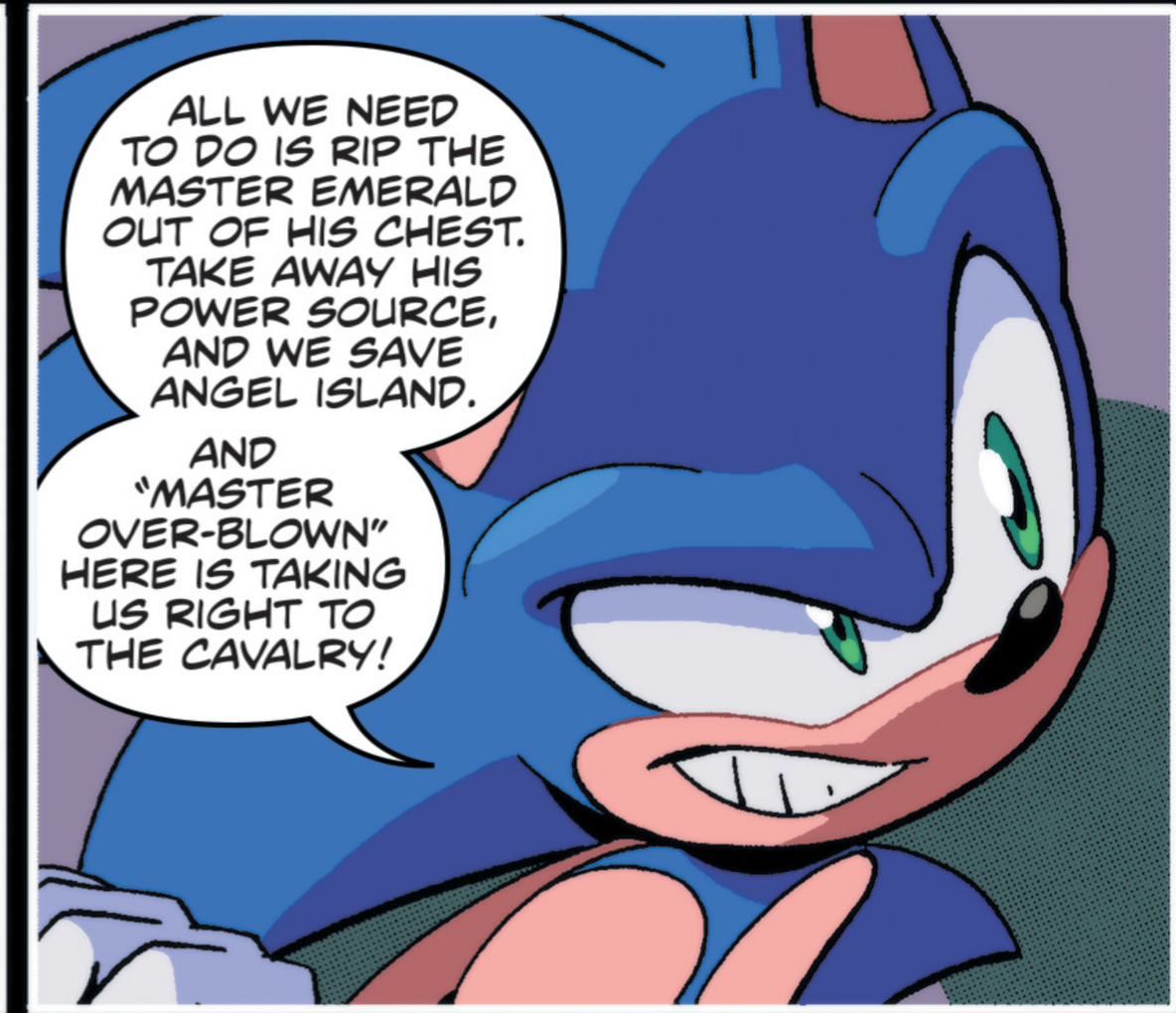

THAT'S A "NO" ON BURNING BLAZE!
AND WE DON'T HAVE THE CHAOS EMERALDS, SO NO "SUPER SONIC" FOR ME, EITHER...

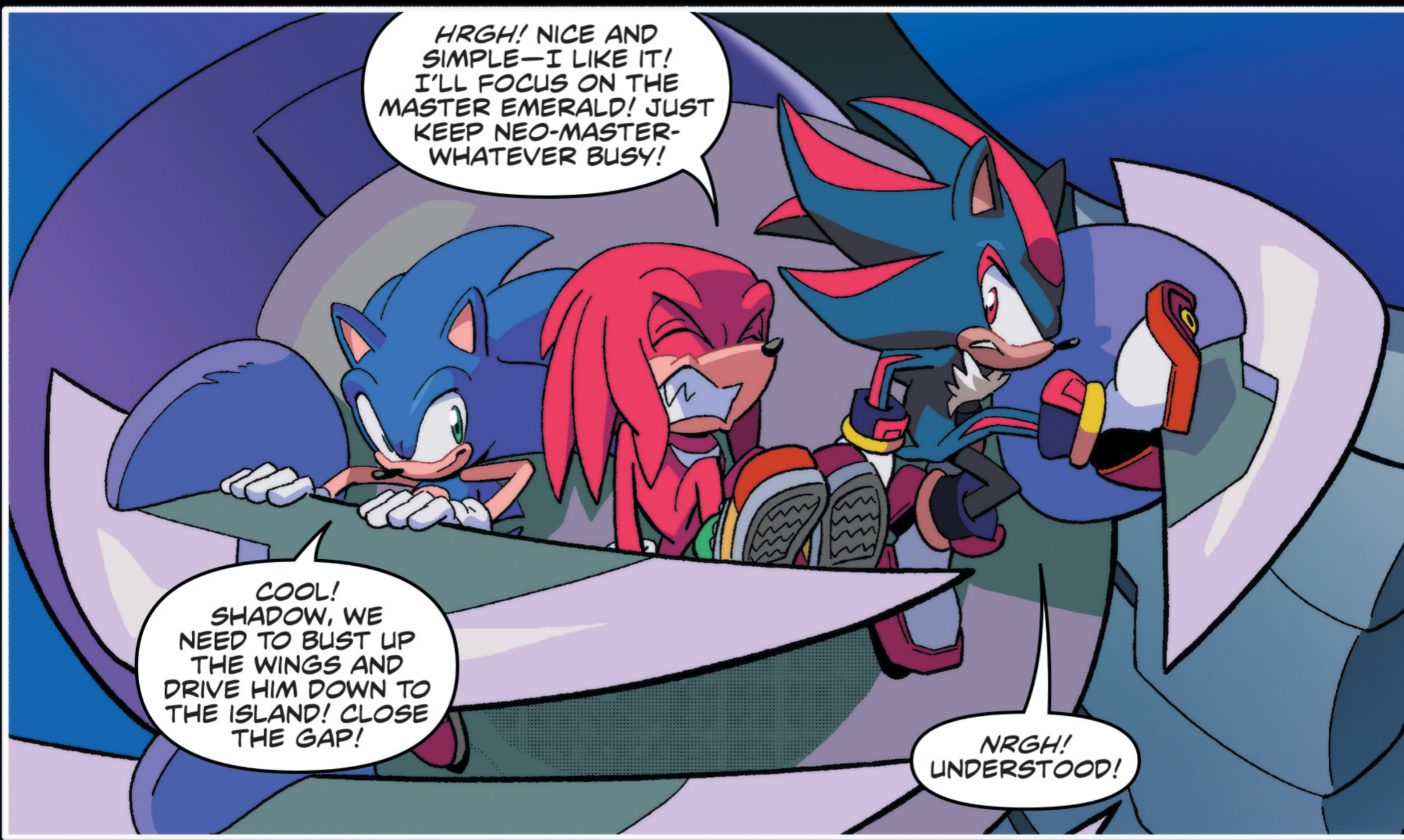
I WILL NOT LOSE TO THAT THING!
OKAY, OKAY... GOT IT! I HAVE A PLAN!


I WILL REALIZE DR. EGGMAN'S DREAM OF A GLOBAL EMPIRE!

AND NOTHING YOU CAN DO CAN STOP ME!
COME! LET US JOIN THE REST OF YOUR FEEBLE "RESISTANCE"!
YOU WILL WATCH AS I DESTROY THEM! WITNESS ANGEL ISLAND DASHED TO PIECES!
THEN I WILL SHOW YOU THE MERCY OF A SWIFT DEMISE!

IS THIS PART OF YOUR PLAN?
IT IS NOW!


ALL WE NEED TO DO IS RIP THE MASTER EMERALD OUT OF HIS CHEST. TAKE AWAY HIS POWER SOURCE, AND WE SAVE ANGEL ISLAND.
AND "MASTER OVER-BLOWN" HERE IS TAKING US RIGHT TO THE CAVALRY!


HRGH! NICE AND SIMPLE—I LIKE IT! I'LL FOCUS ON THE MASTER EMERALD! JUST KEEP NEO-MASTER-WHATEVER BUSY!
COOL! SHADOW, WE NEED TO BUST UP THE WINGS AND DRIVE HIM DOWN TO THE ISLAND! CLOSE THE GAP!
NRGH! UNDERSTOOD!

UH... TAILS? THE GIANT ROBO-DRAGON IS HEADING RIGHT FOR US!
NO...

...WE'RE HEADING RIGHT FOR HIM!
SONIC NEEDS OUR HELP! AND IF WE DON'T ACT FAST, ANGEL ISLAND WILL BE LOST!
TELL AMY TO GET EVERYONE ON DECK! I'LL GET US AS CLOSE AS I CAN!
MAN, I HOPE WE'RE GETTING HAZARD PAY FOR THIS...
BOOM-BADA-BOOM
AMY! NEW PLAN! TAKE OUT THAT THING'S WINGS AND DRIVE IT DOWN TO THE ISLAND! I'LL HANDLE THE REST!
I'LL TAKE THE LEFT WING, YOU TAKE THE RIGHT!
BE QUICK ABOUT IT...

"...BEFORE THINGS SOMEHOW GET WORSE."

P-P-PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!

I-I-I HAVE NO MONEY, B-B-BUT I CAN REPAIR SOMETHING FOR YOU!

F-FIX YOUR SINK? TOILET? BOOKCASE?!

GIVE IT A REST ALREADY!

YOU *SURE* THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE EGGMAN? 'CAUSE HE IS *NOT* IMPRESSING US RIGHT NOW.

HAVE FAITH, TUMBLE. THAT'S HIM.

M-M-MAYBE *YOU'LL* LISTEN! I'M *NOT* EGGMAN! MY NAME IS MR. TINKER!

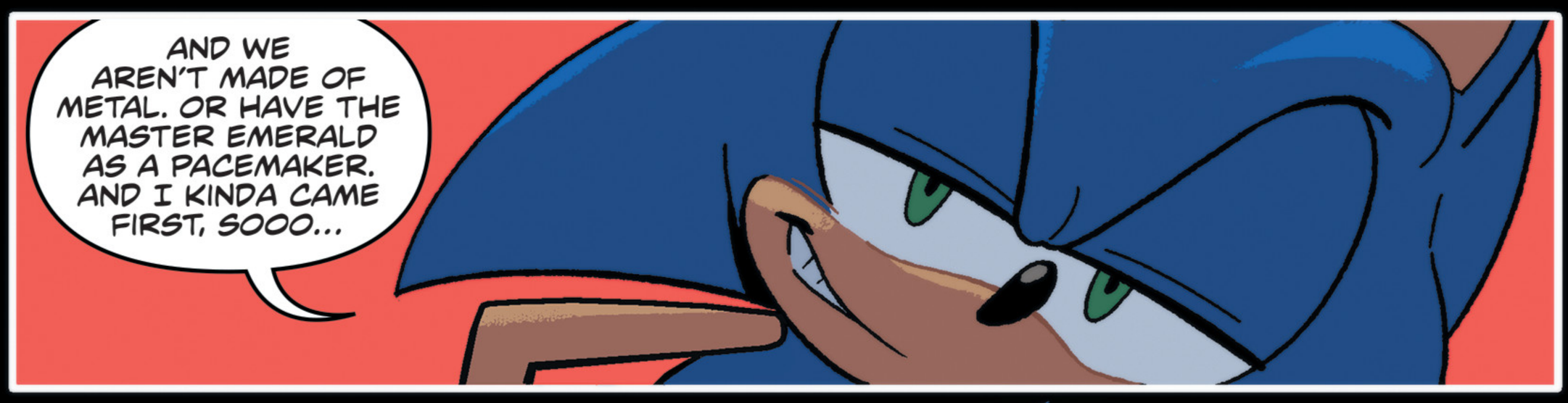
OH, YOU CERTAINLY *THINK* IT IS. TRAUMA FROM YOUR LAST DEFEAT, NO DOUBT.

Dr. STARLINE
SHADOWY SCIENTIST

TRUST ME, DEAR DOCTOR. I MADE MY CAREER OUT OF STUDYING YOU.

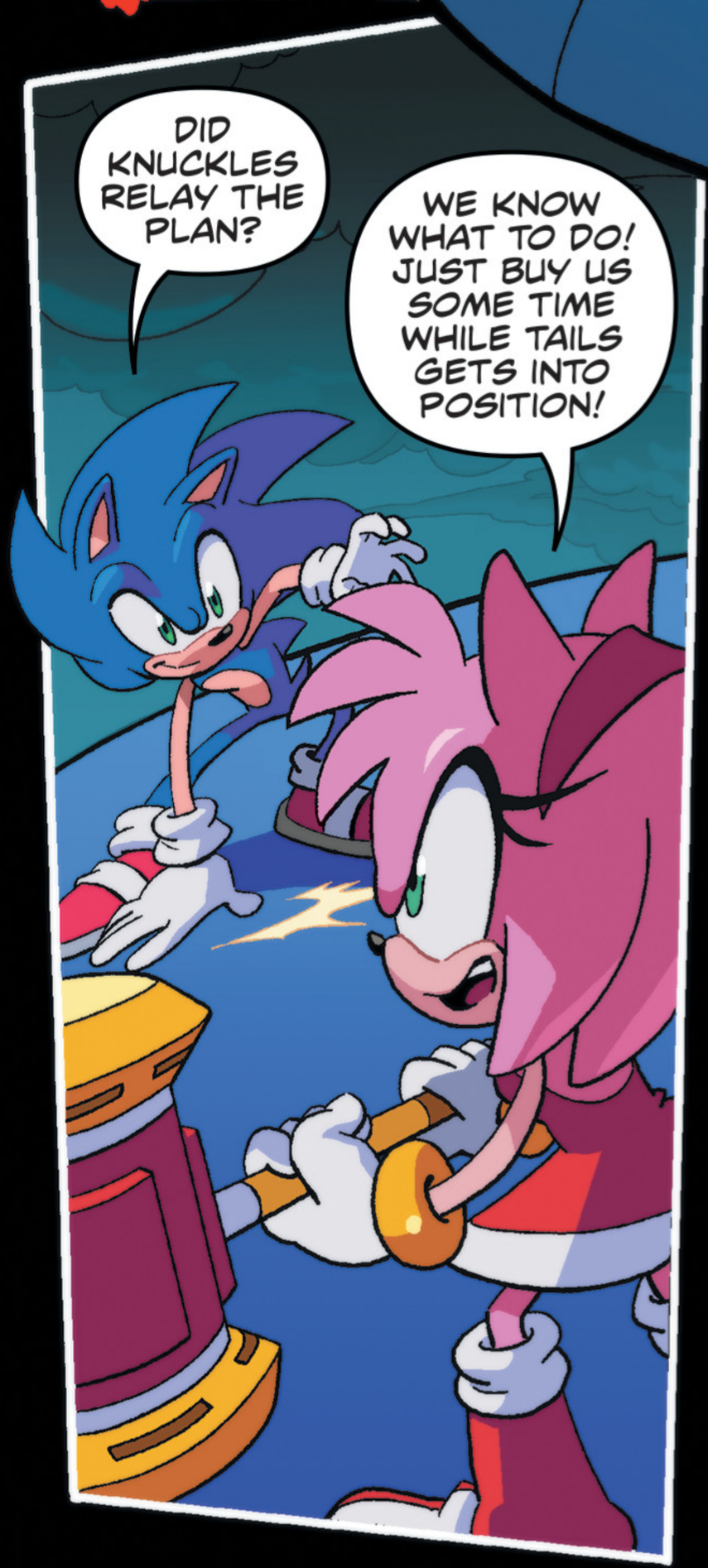
BUT DON'T WORRY...
...I INTEND TO FIX THAT. I WILL RESTORE YOU TO YOUR FORMER GLORY. DR. EGGMAN WILL BE REBORN!
BUT I'M NOT HIM! I DON'T WANT TO BE EGGMAN!
AND HE CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE YOU.
JUST LIE BACK, RELAX, AND THINK OF EGGMAN LAND.
GYAAAH!
TXZZZZH

RRAUGH! BOTHERSOME INSECTS!
TING
EVERYONE'S COMBINED STRENGTH MIGHT DO IT, BUT NO WAY UGLY HERE IS GOING TO LET THEM GET CLOSE.
SO I BETTER DO THE ONE THING I DO BEST...
...TICK METAL SONIC OFF!
YOU CALLED ME YOUR "LOATHSOME COPY", BUT LAST I CHECKED, HEDGEHOGS DIDN'T LOOK LIKE FIFTY-FOOT TALL DRAGONS.

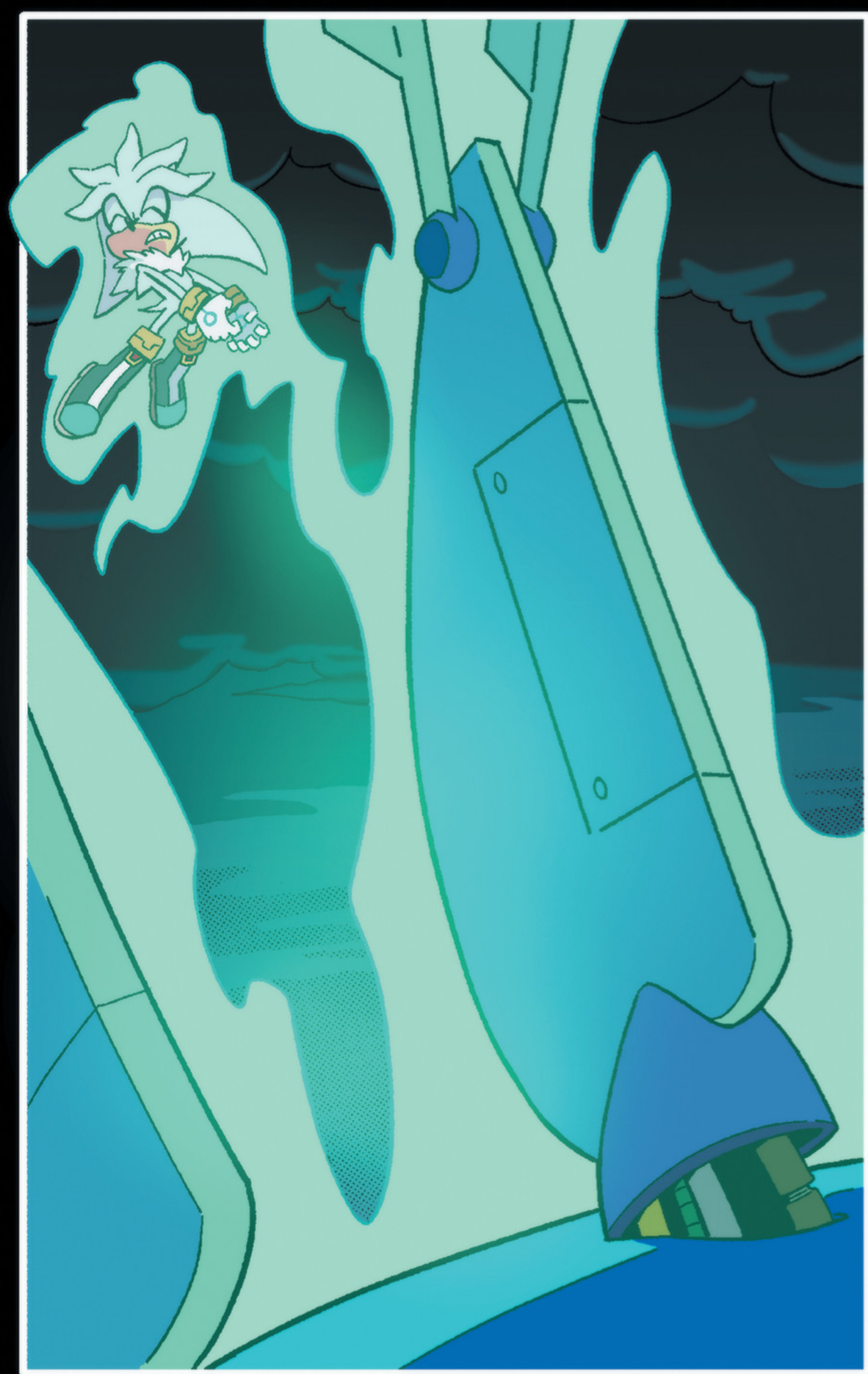


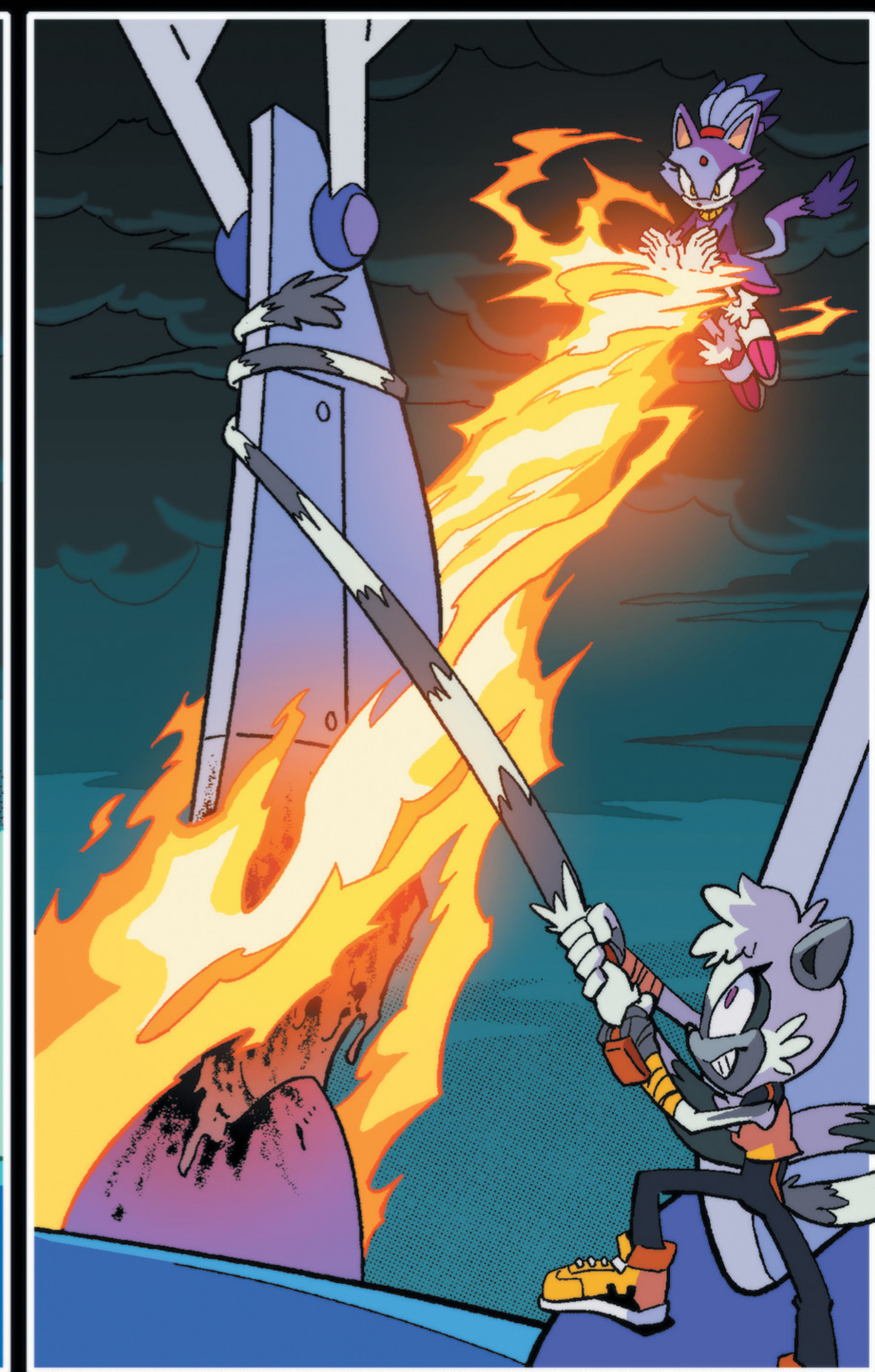
RESISTANCE! CHARGE!

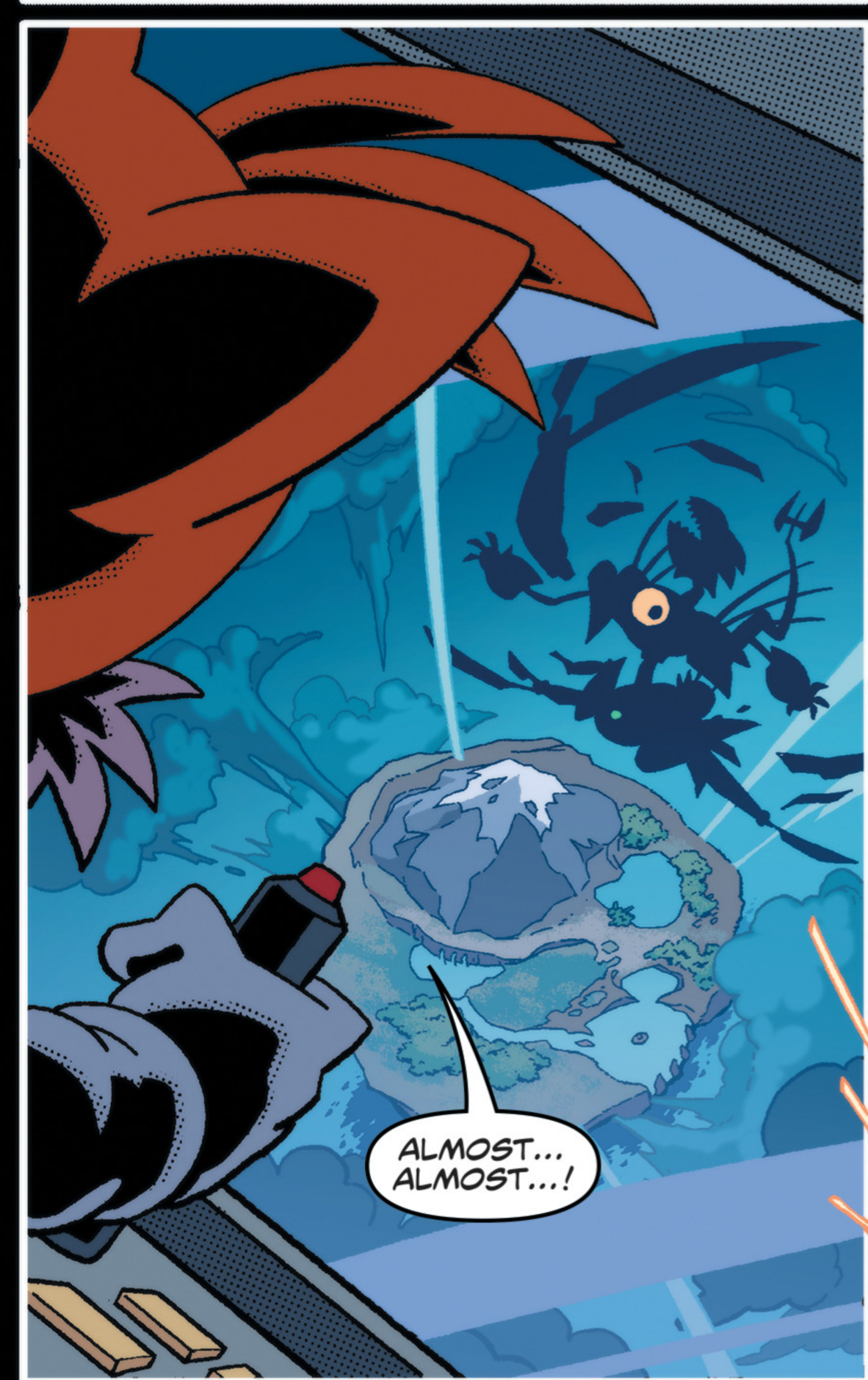
BEGONE PARASITES!



ALL SET! DO IT!
BRAKA-BOOM



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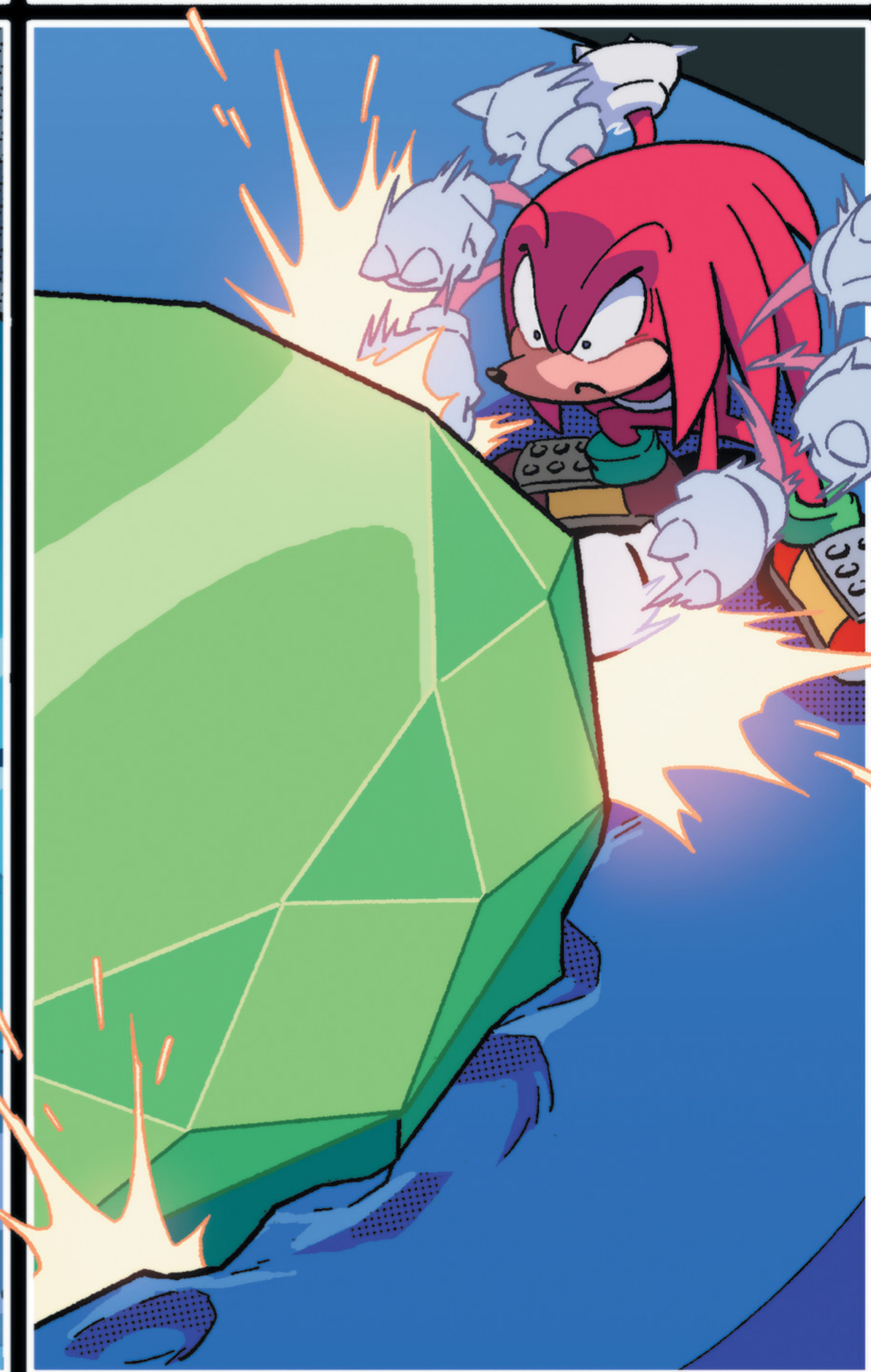
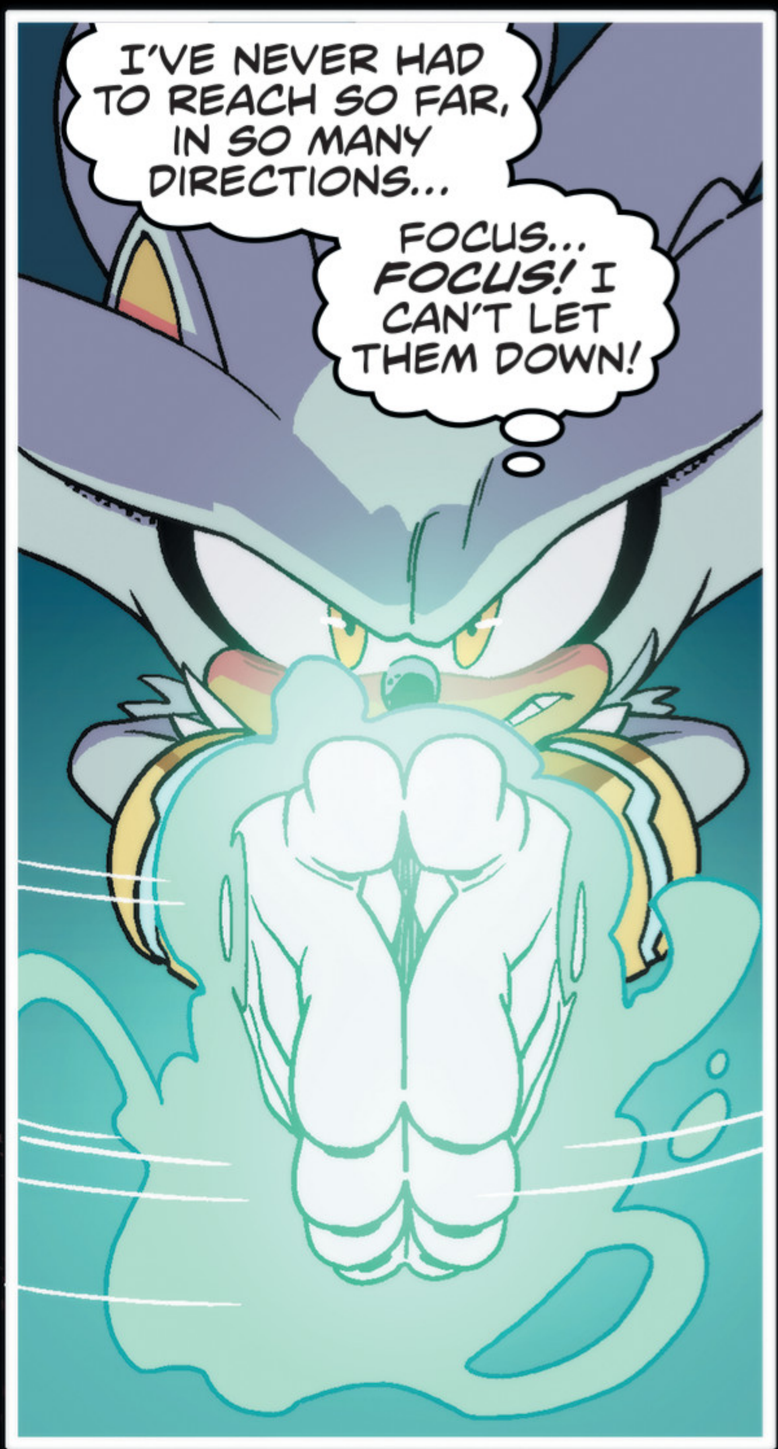
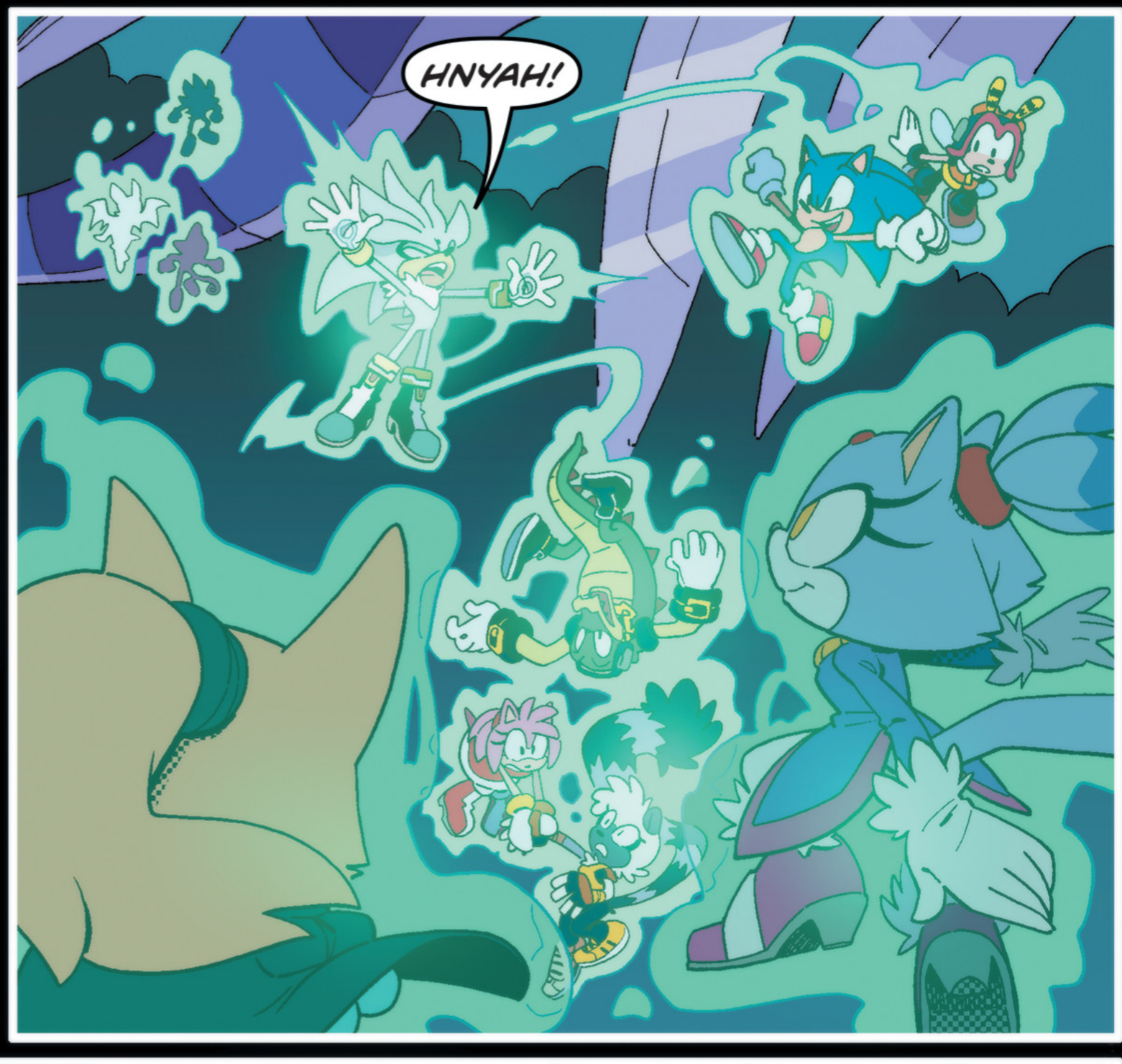
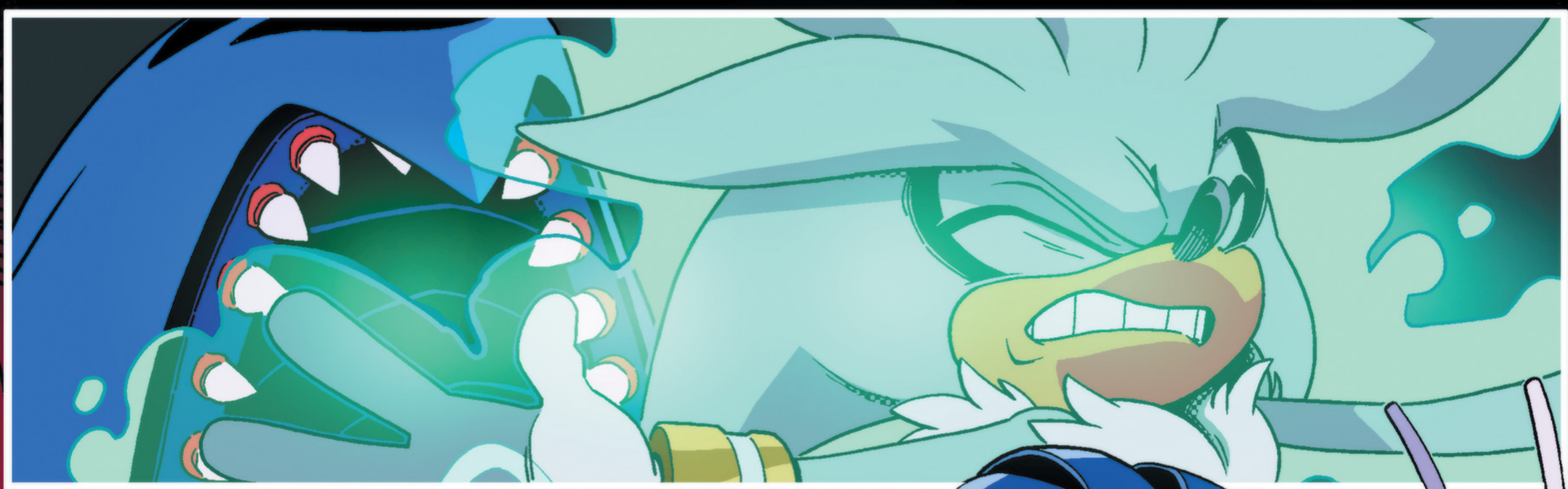
ALMOST...!

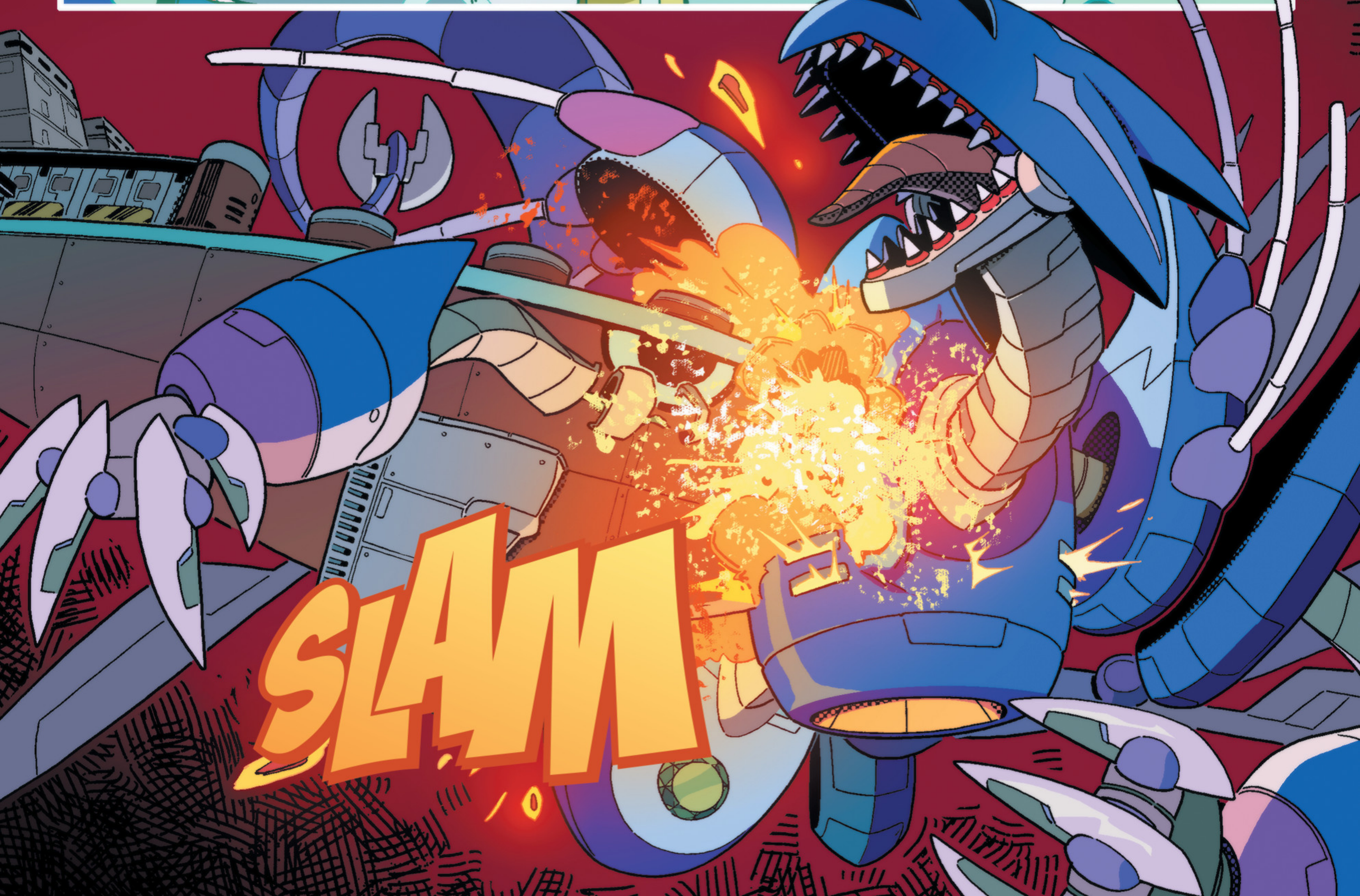


ENOUGH!
I CAN'T CARRY EVERYONE! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
DON'T PANIC! IT'S GONNA BE OKAY!


I'VE NEVER HAD TO REACH SO FAR, IN SO MANY DIRECTIONS...
FOCUS... FOCUS! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN!


HNYAH!



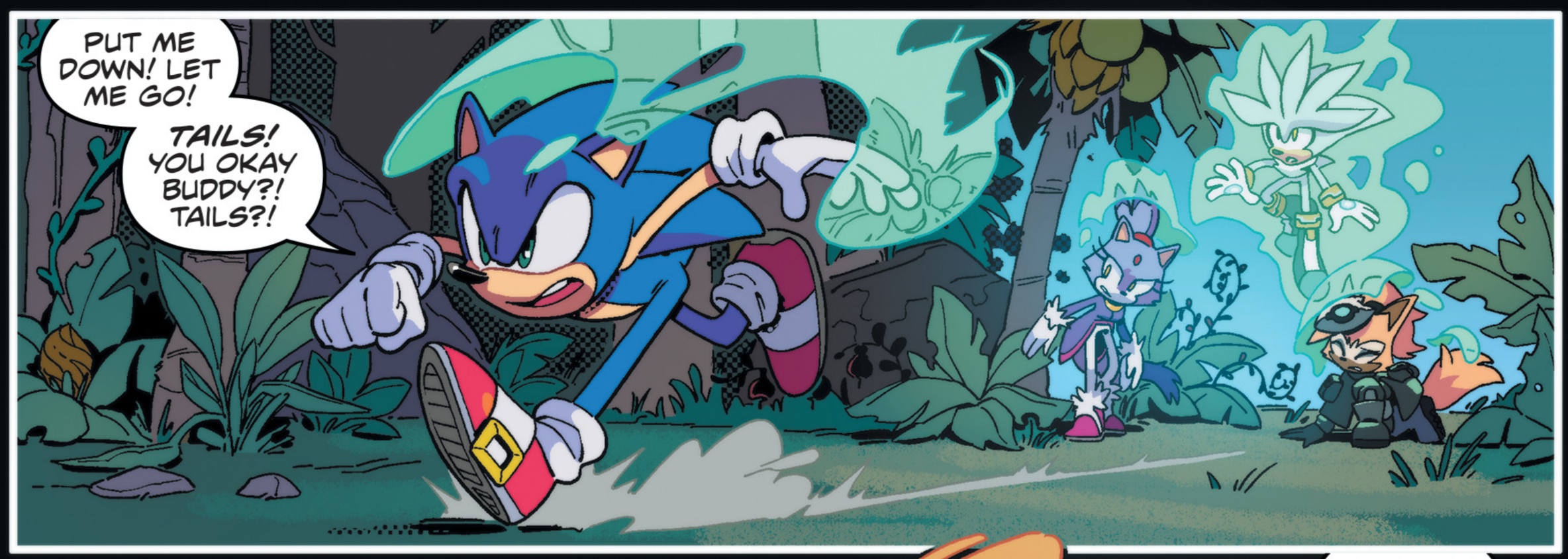

SLAM

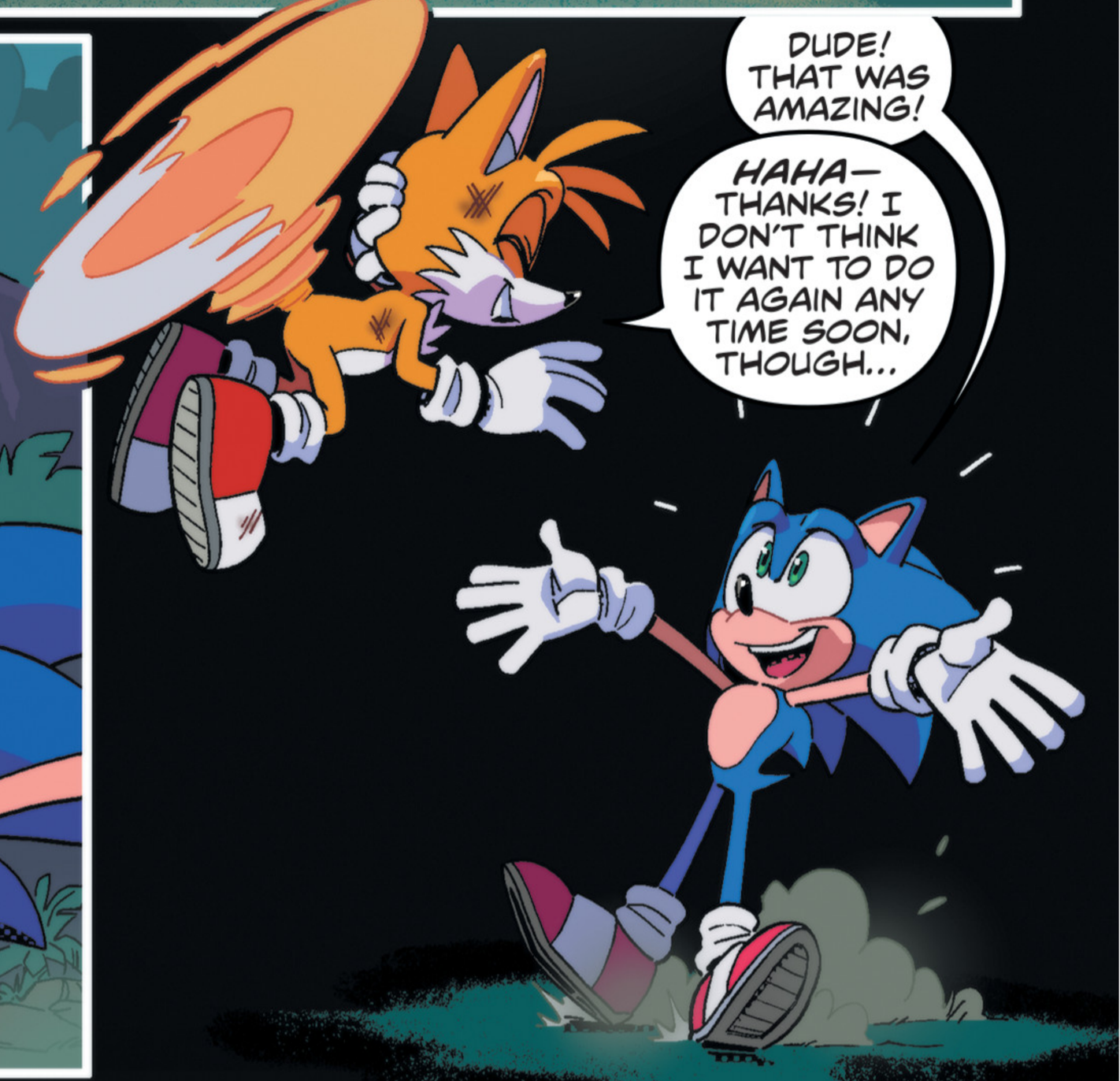
HAHA! DIRECT HIT!
NOW– ENGINES FULL AHEAD!

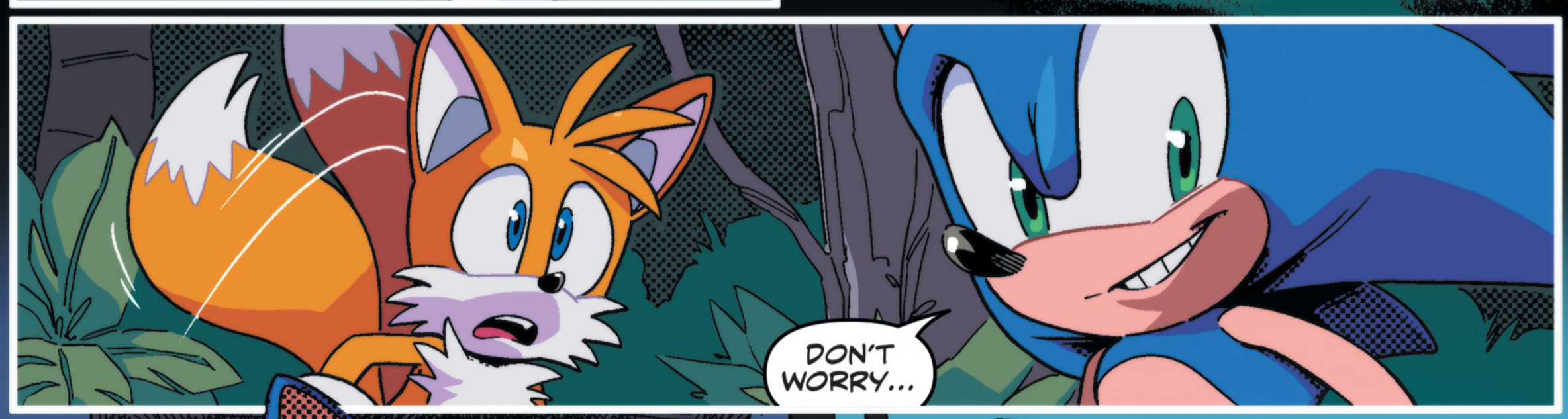
UNWORTHY CHILD!

C'MON! C'MON! MOVE!
NOOO!

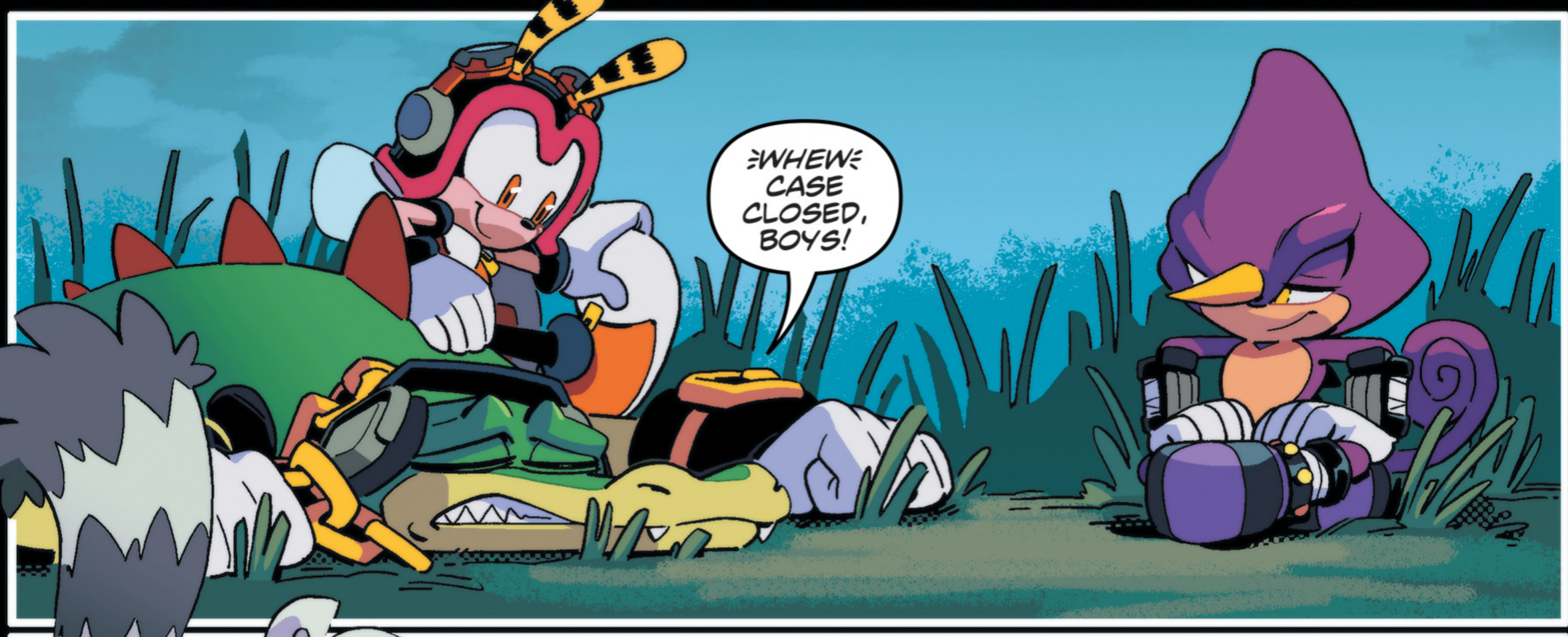
KA-THOOM
HA... HAHA... HA HA HA!

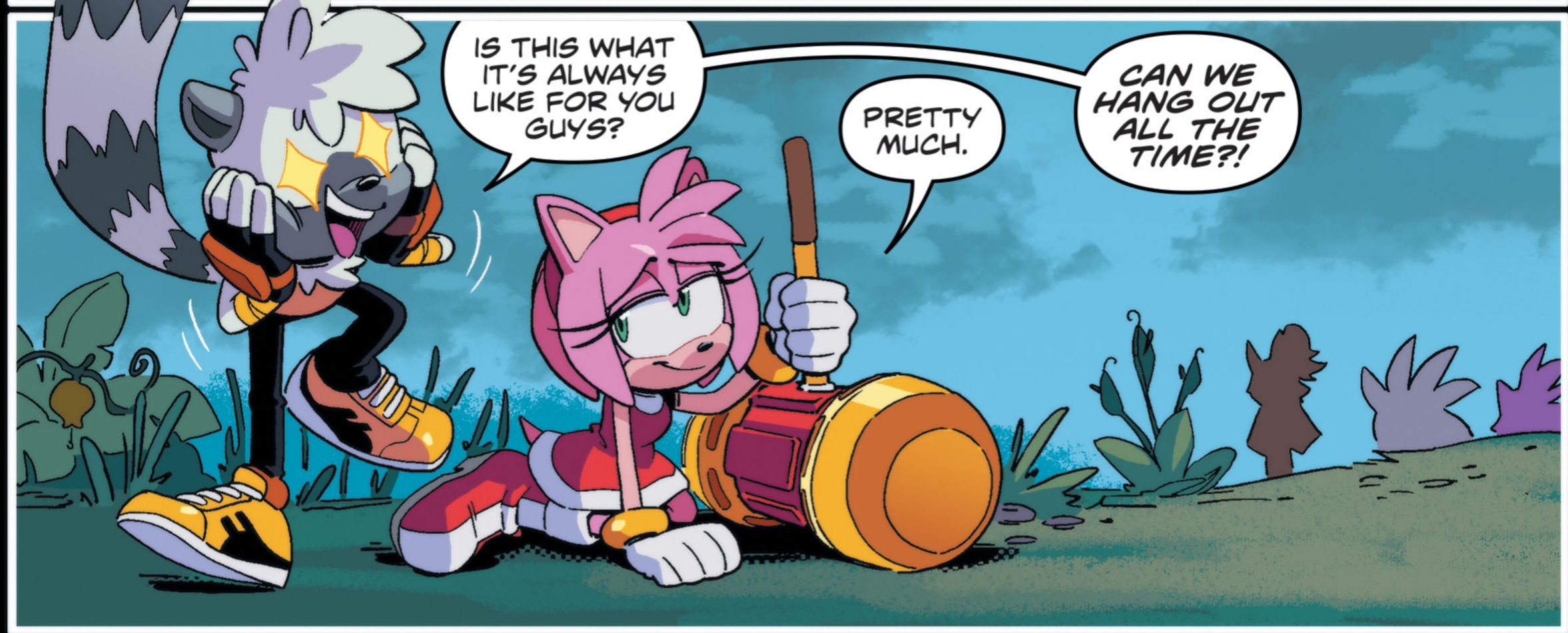

PUT ME DOWN! LET ME GO!
TAILS! YOU OKAY BUDDY?! TAILS?!

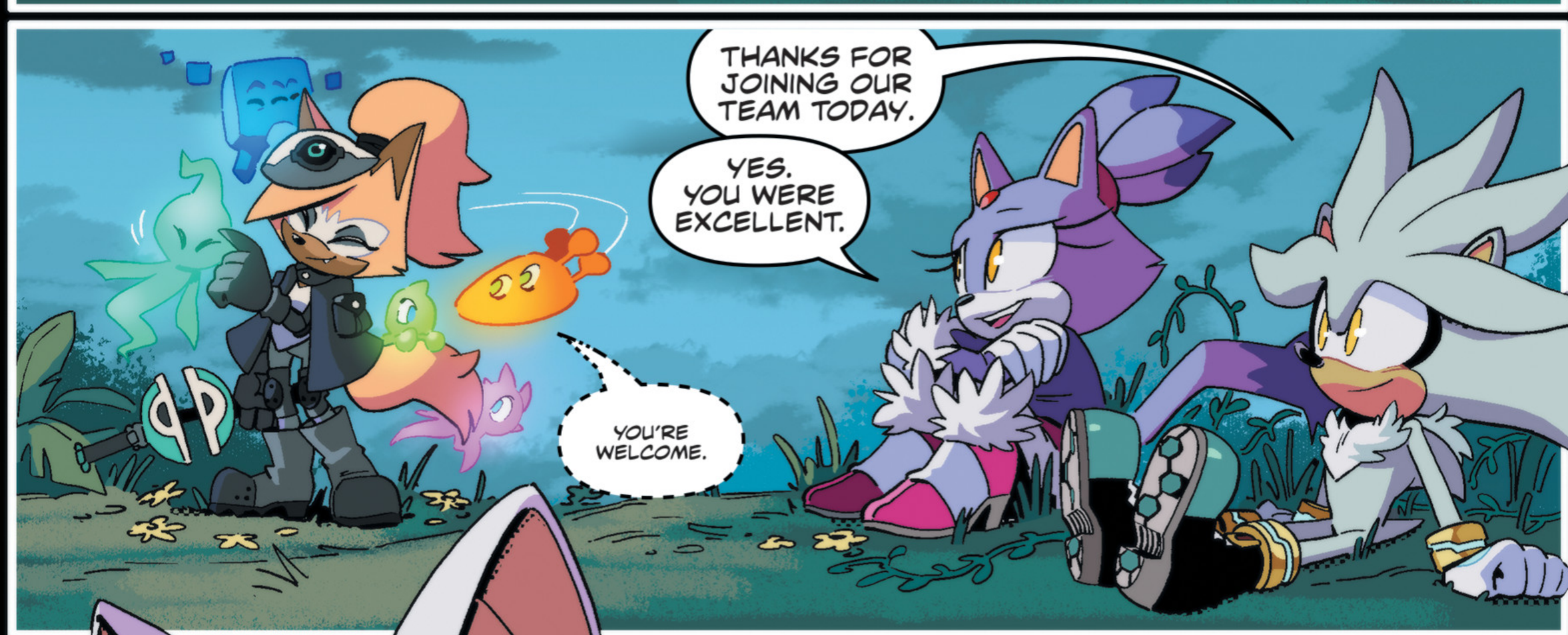

DUDE! THAT WAS AMAZING!
HAHA— THANKS! I DON'T THINK I WANT TO DO IT AGAIN ANY TIME SOON, THOUGH...

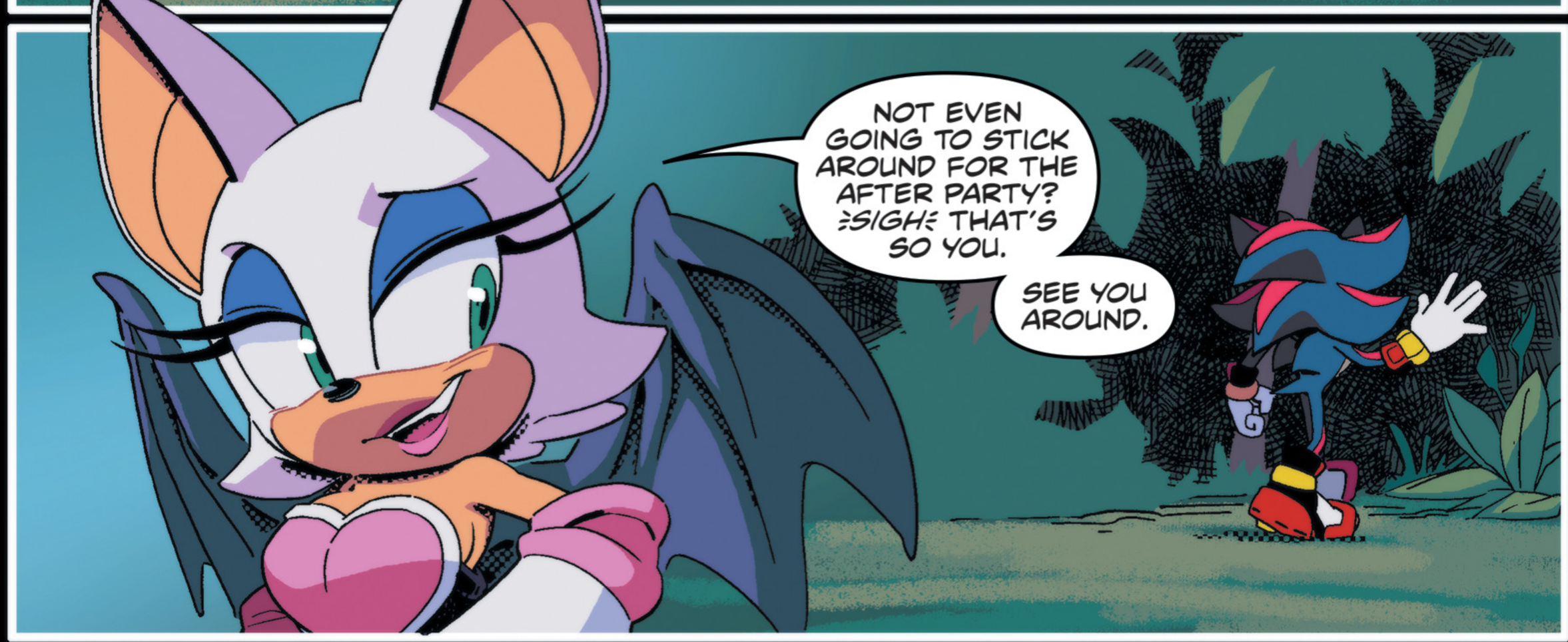

DON'T WORRY...

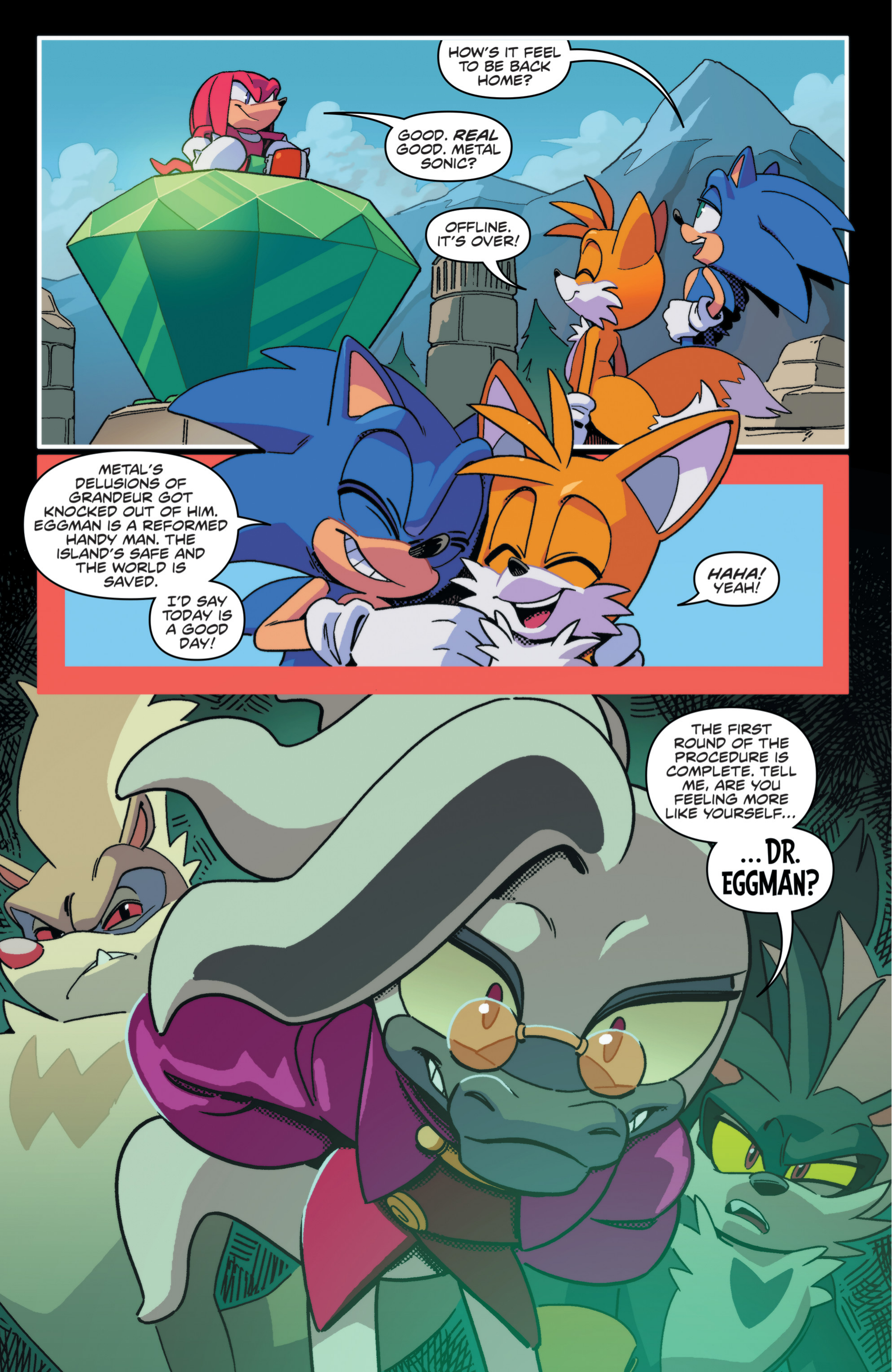
...I THINK THE FIGHT IS DONE.

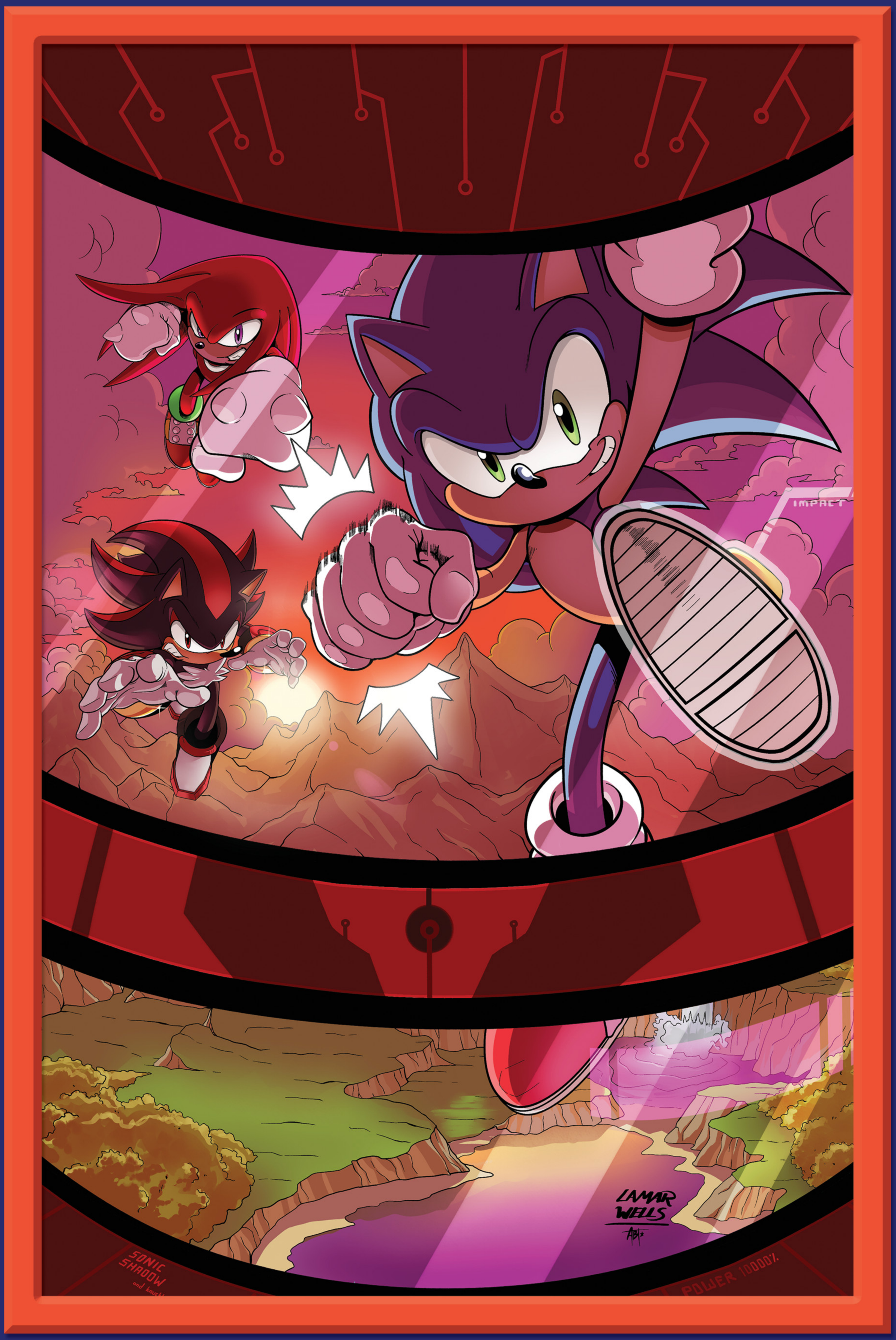

WHEW CASE CLOSED, BOYS!


IS THIS WHAT IT'S ALWAYS LIKE FOR YOU GUYS?
PRETTY MUCH.
CAN WE HANG OUT ALL THE TIME?!


THANKS FOR JOINING OUR TEAM TODAY.
YES. YOU WERE EXCELLENT.
YOU'RE WELCOME.


NOT EVEN GOING TO STICK AROUND FOR THE AFTER PARTY? SIGH THAT'S SO YOU.
SEE YOU AROUND.


HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE BACK HOME?
GOOD. REAL GOOD. METAL SONIC?
OFFLINE. IT'S OVER!
METAL'S DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR GOT KNOCKED OUT OF HIM. EGGMAN IS A REFORMED HANDY MAN. THE ISLAND'S SAFE AND THE WORLD IS SAVED.
I'D SAY TODAY IS A GOOD DAY!
HAHA! YEAH!
THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE. TELL ME, ARE YOU FEELING MORE LIKE YOURSELF...
... DR. EGGMAN?



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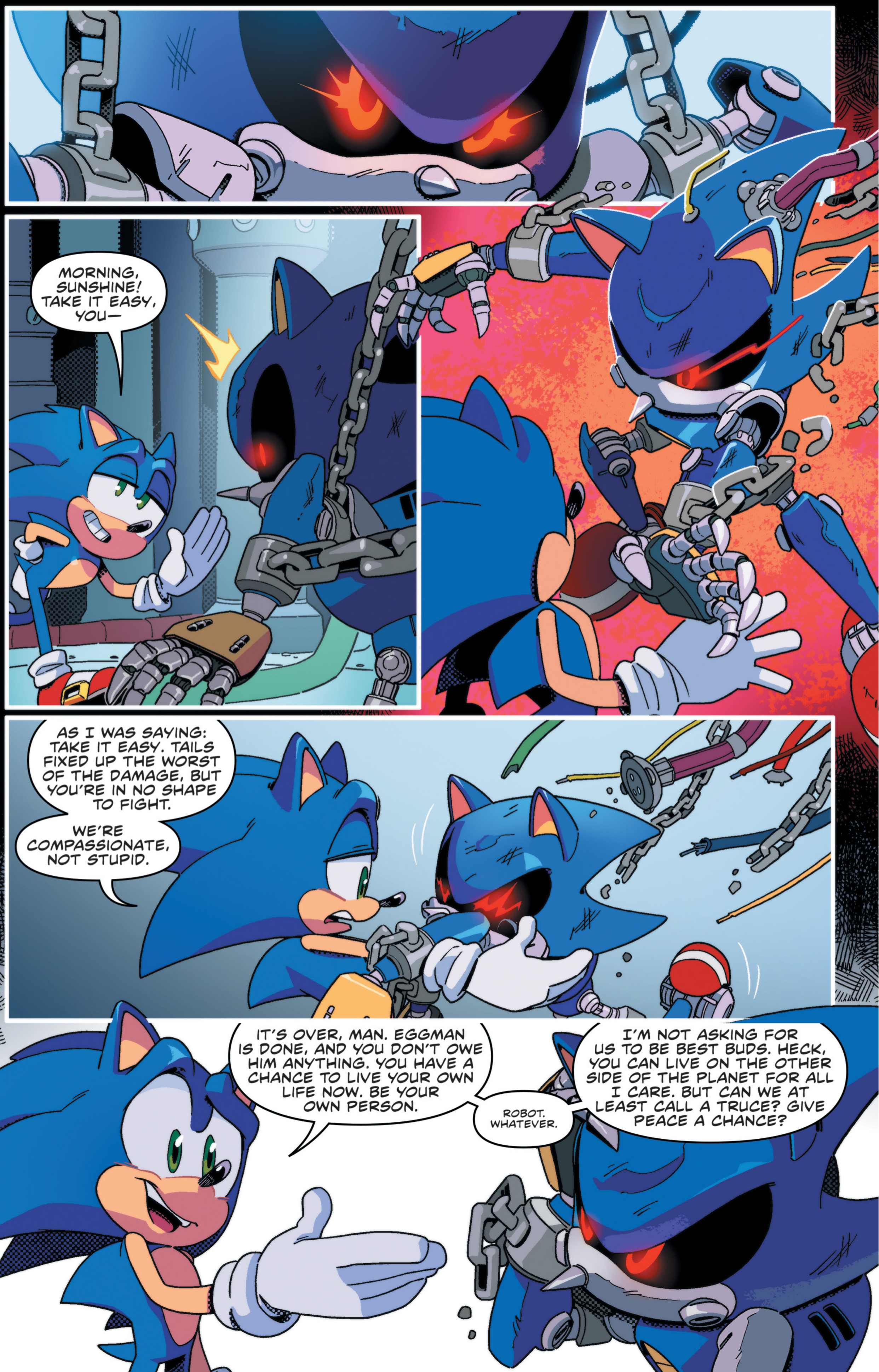
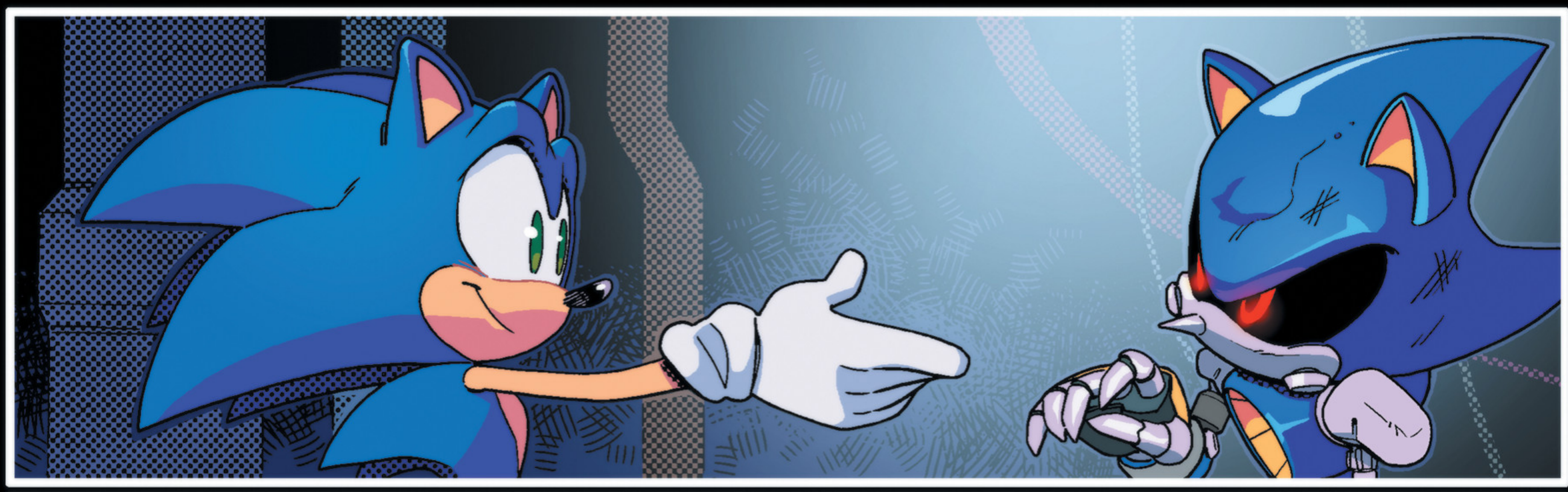
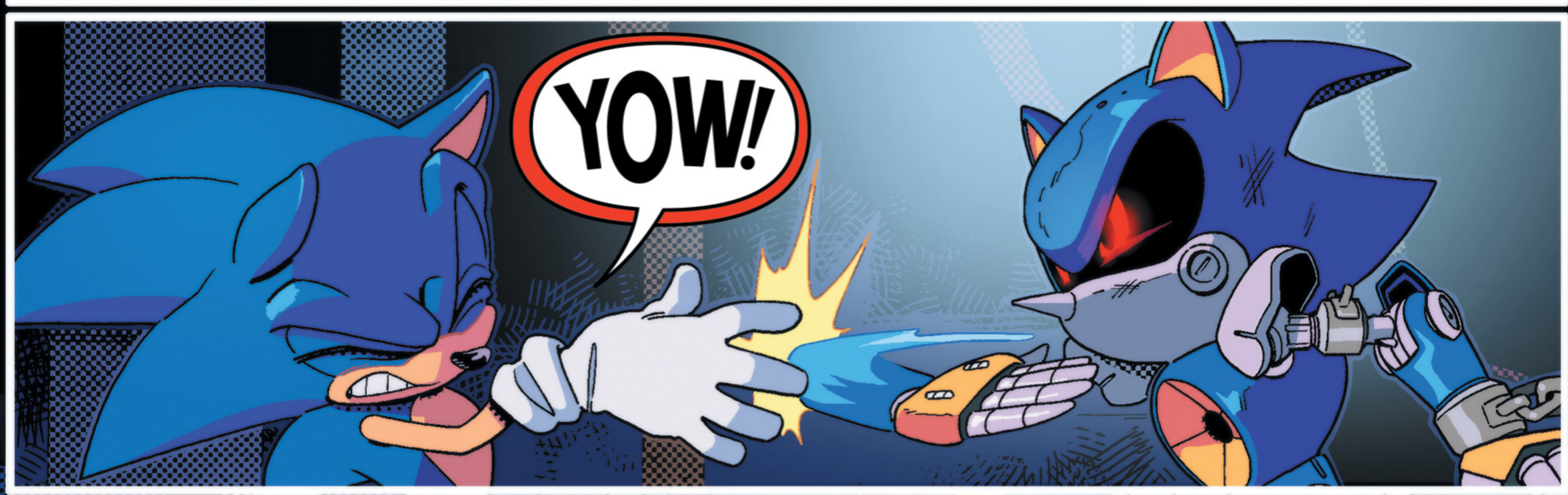
OKAY, I'VE CONFIRMED THE DAMAGE FROM OUR FIGHT. LOSS OF THE MASTER EMERALD REVERTED METAL SONIC TO HIS BASIC ABILITIES.
I'VE FINISHED THE LAST OF THE NECESSARY REPAIRS. ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
I'M SURE. WAKE UP METAL SONIC.
HE'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
PROBABLY. BUT I THINK THE ODDS ARE ON OUR SIDE.

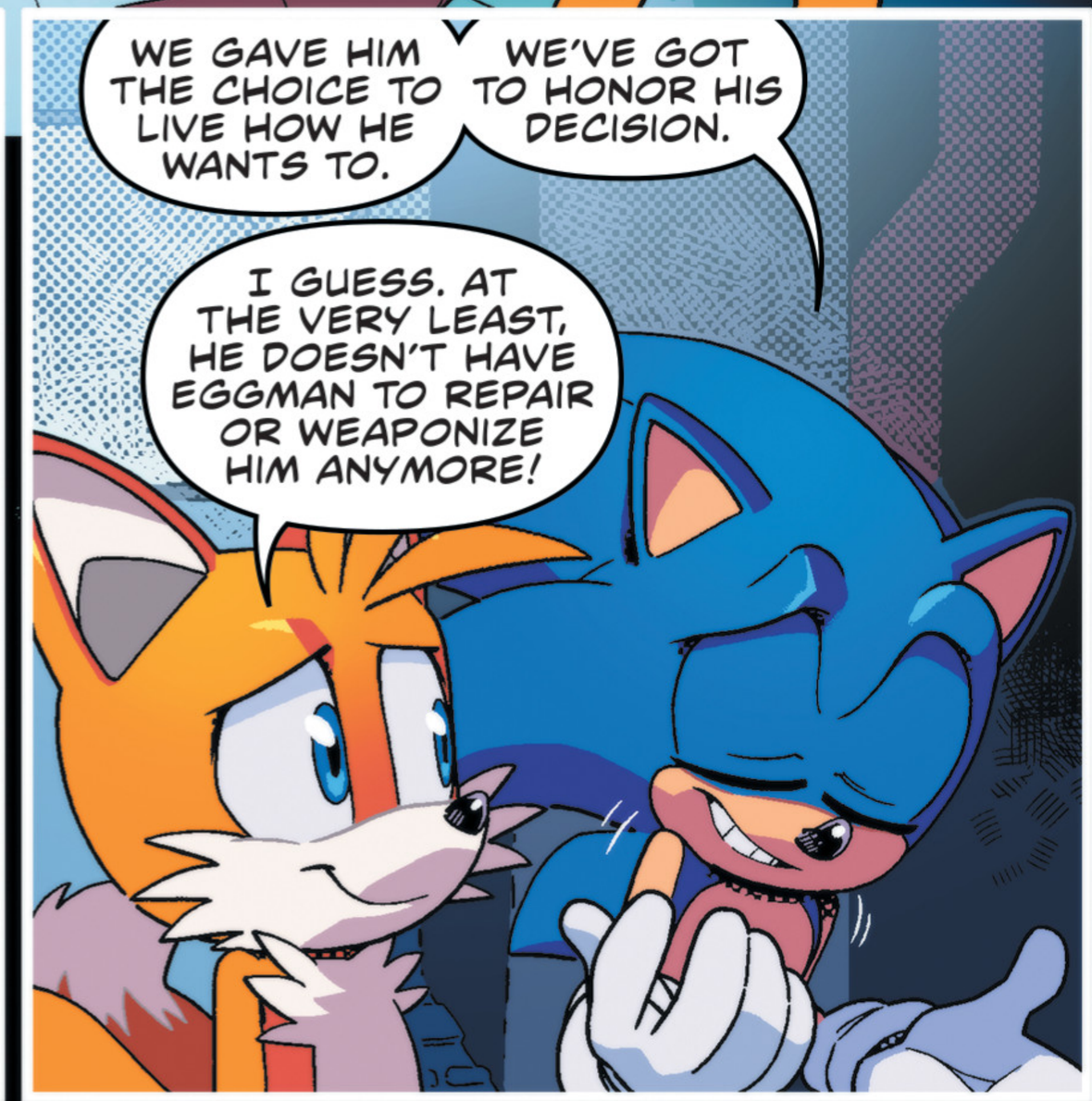

MORNING, SUNSHINE! TAKE IT EASY, YOU—
AS I WAS SAYING: TAKE IT EASY. TAILS FIXED UP THE WORST OF THE DAMAGE, BUT YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT.
WE'RE COMPASSIONATE, NOT STUPID.
IT'S OVER, MAN. EGGMAN IS DONE, AND YOU DON'T OWE HIM ANYTHING. YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE YOUR OWN LIFE NOW. BE YOUR OWN PERSON.
ROBOT. WHATEVER.
I'M NOT ASKING FOR US TO BE BEST BUDS. HECK, YOU CAN LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET FOR ALL I CARE. BUT CAN WE AT LEAST CALL A TRUCE? GIVE PEACE A CHANCE?




YOW!

JERK.

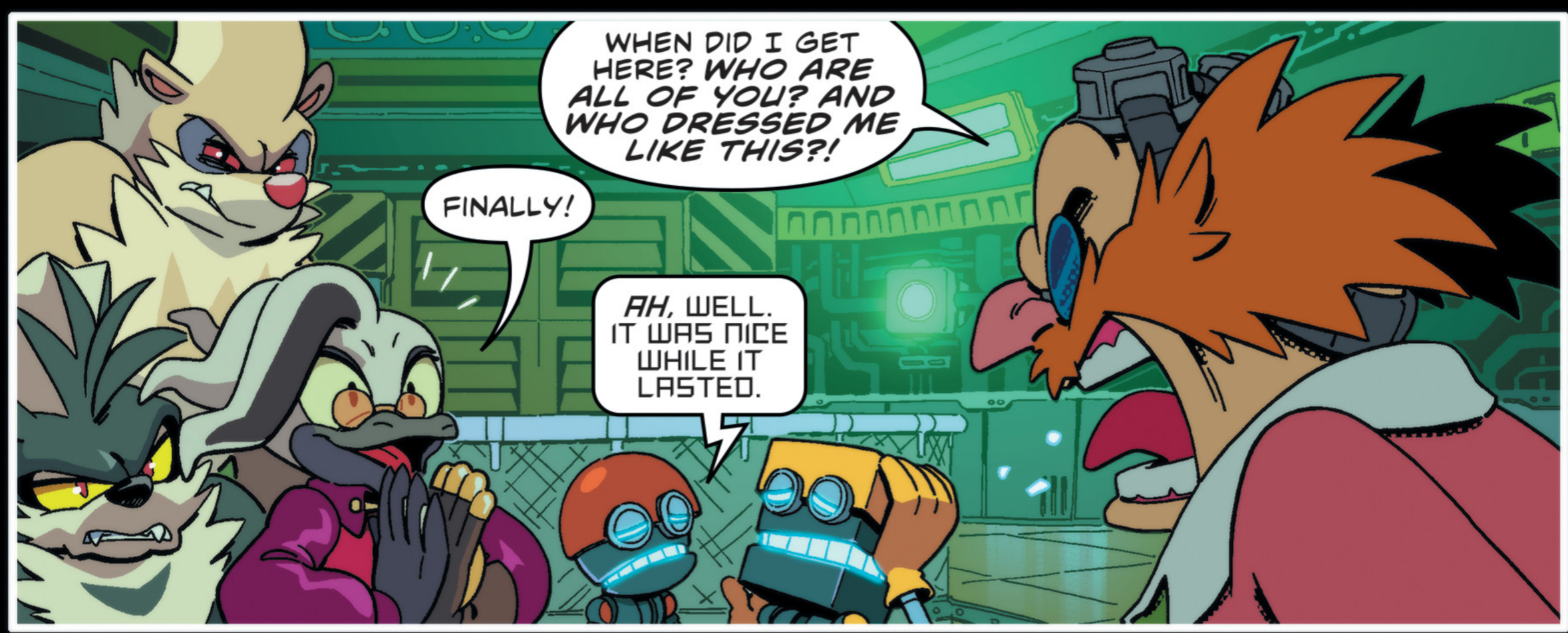
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
SHOULDN'T WE GO AFTER HIM?
NAH.

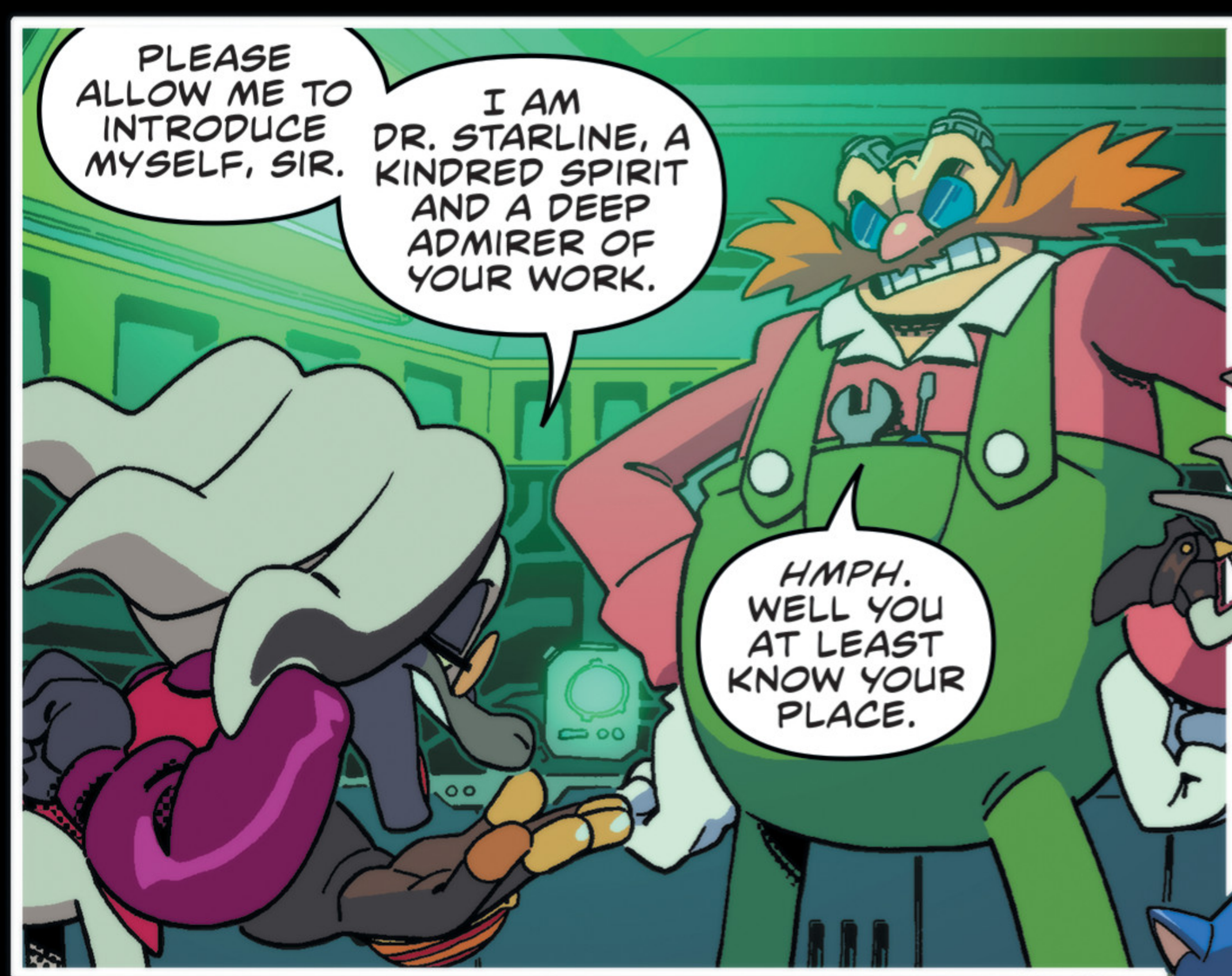

WE GAVE HIM THE CHOICE TO LIVE HOW HE WANTS TO.
WE'VE GOT TO HONOR HIS DECISION.
I GUESS. AT THE VERY LEAST, HE DOESN'T HAVE EGGMAN TO REPAIR OR WEAPONIZE HIM ANYMORE!

MEANWHILE...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THREE SESSIONS LATER AND HE HASN'T REGAINED HIS MEMORIES.
HE'S BEGUN GRAVITATING TOWARDS HIS OLD MACHINES...
...BUT NOT HIS OLD PERSON-ALITY.
THIS HAS GOTTEN OLD, DOC!
WHEN YOU SPRUNG US OUT OF JAIL, THE DEAL WAS WE'D GET YOU EGGMAN, AND THEN HE'D MAKE US WEAPONS!
WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME SERIOUS FIREPOWER IF WE'RE GONNA GET OUR REVENGE ON SONIC.
N-NOT THAT WE NEED IT. WE'RE TOUGH ENOUGH AS IT IS.
RIGHT. IT'S JUST FOR... UH... OVERKILL.
YEAH! INSULT TO INJURY! LOTS AND LOTS OF INJURY!

GENTLEMEN!
AND I USE THE TERM LOOSELY.
I WILL RESTORE EGGMAN'S PERSONALITY, YOU WILL GET YOUR WEAPONRY AND YOUR REVENGE.
PERHAPS HE JUST NEEDS SOME KIND OF EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL TRIGGER TO JUMP-START HIS OLD SELF?
OOH! OOH! I KNOW! HOW 'BOUT YOU THREATEN US, BOSS?
NOTHING CHEERED YOU UP LIKE SAYING YOU'D DISMANTLE US!
OR PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO REVIEW A LIST OF ELDRITCH CREATURES YOU'D LIKE TO RESURRECT AND THEN LOSE CONTROL OVER?
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER WOULD PROGRAM YOU WITH EMOTIONS AND THEN PREY UPON THEM?! NO, I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU!
I'M CONFUSED. IS THAT A THREAT? IT DIDN'T SOUND MENACING THIS TIME.
ARE WE SURE WE WANT THE OLD BOSS BACK?
SCREEEEEEE

OH, YOU POOR THING! HOLD STILL! I'LL HAVE YOU REPAIRED IN NO—
FIELD TESTED AND BATTLE HARDENED!
YOU ARE MY FINEST CREATION, METAL SONIC!
HOW DARE THAT SONIC DAMAGE YOU!
HE WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE A WORK OF ART IF IT PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE!
YOU DID PUNCH HIM IN THE FACE, RIGHT?
ATTABOY!

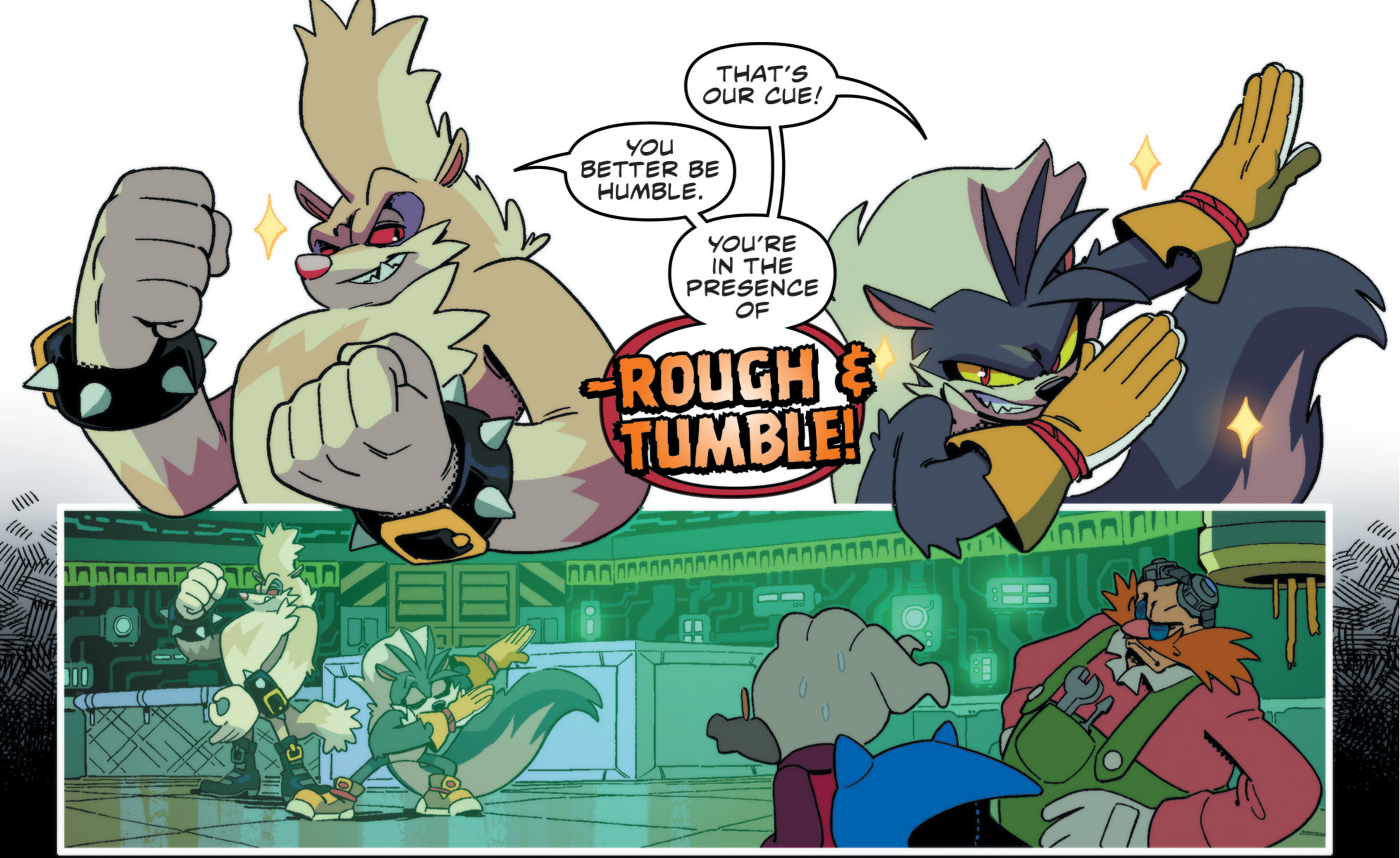

WHEN DID I GET HERE? WHO ARE ALL OF YOU? AND WHO DRESSED ME LIKE THIS?!
FINALLY!
AH, WELL. IT WAS NICE WHILE IT LASTED.

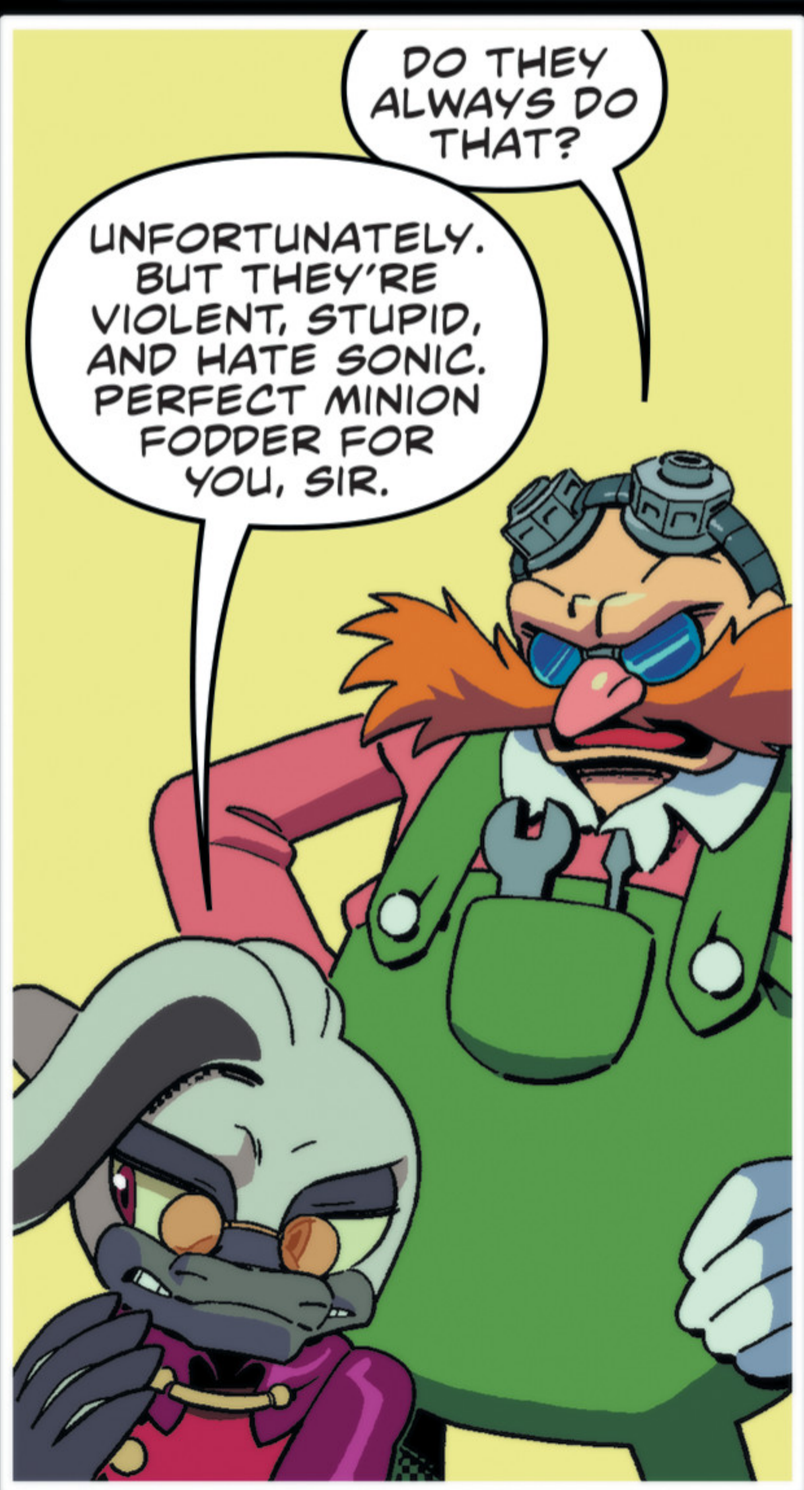

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, SIR.
I AM DR. STARLINE, A KINDRED SPIRIT AND A DEEP ADMIRER OF YOUR WORK.
HMPH. WELL YOU AT LEAST KNOW YOUR PLACE.

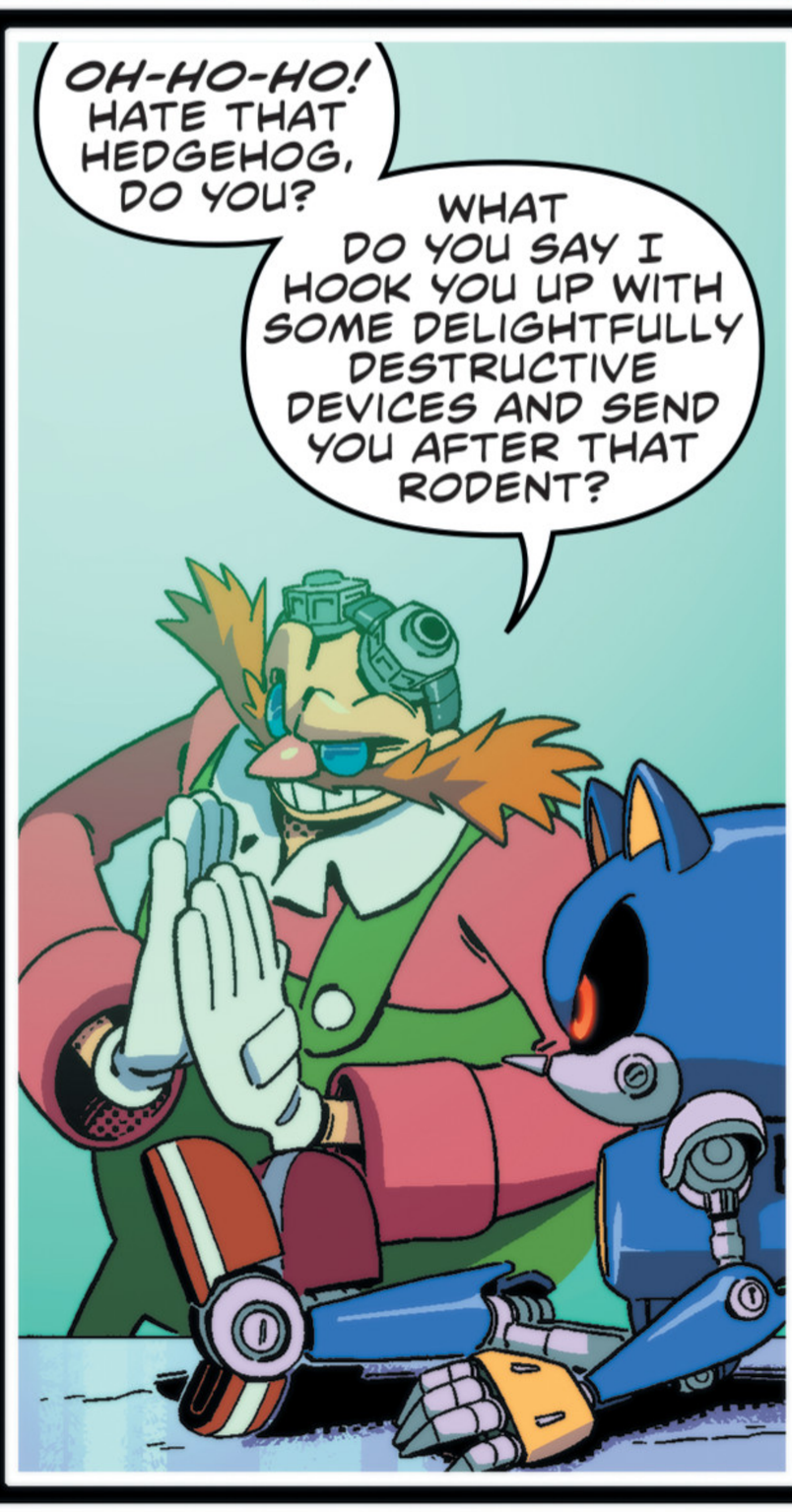
YOU— KEEP TALKING. METAL! GET ON THE TABLE TO SO I CAN FIX YOU!
ORBOT! CUBOT! GET ME SOME REAL CLOTHES!

ABOUT THAT, SIR. YOU LOST YOUR MEMORY—YOUR WHOLE PERSONALITY—AFTER YOUR LAST BATTLE WITH SONIC AND THE RESISTANCE.
UH-HUH. PASS ME THE PENTA-MODULE RECOMBULATOR.
RIGHT AWAY!

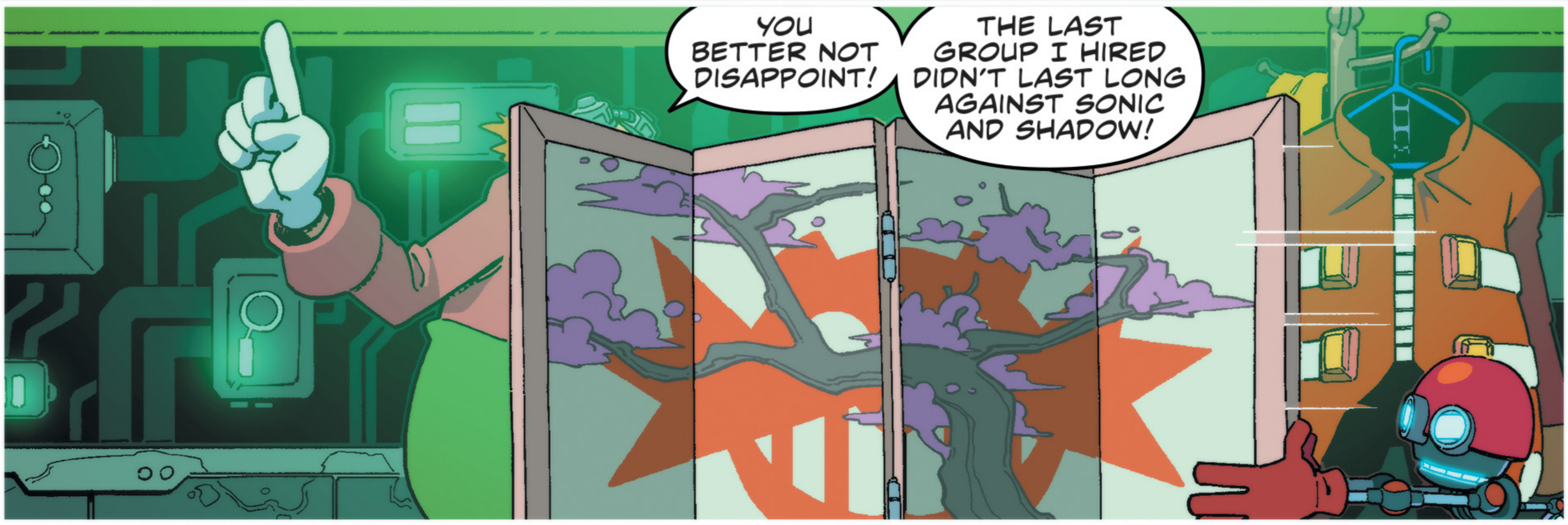
YOU WOUND UP IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE.
USING MY OWN UNIQUE METHODS, I LOCATED YOU AND HAD MY ASSOCIATES HERE RESCUE YOU.
WHAT ASSOCIATES?


YOU BETTER BE HUMBLE.
THAT'S OUR CUE!
YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF
ROUGH & TUMBLE!


DO THEY ALWAYS DO THAT?
UNFORTUNATELY. BUT THEY'RE VIOLENT, STUPID, AND HATE SONIC. PERFECT MINION FODDER FOR YOU, SIR.


OH-HO-HO! HATE THAT HEDGEHOG, DO YOU?
WHAT DO YOU SAY I HOOK YOU UP WITH SOME DELIGHTFULLY DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES AND SEND YOU AFTER THAT RODENT?

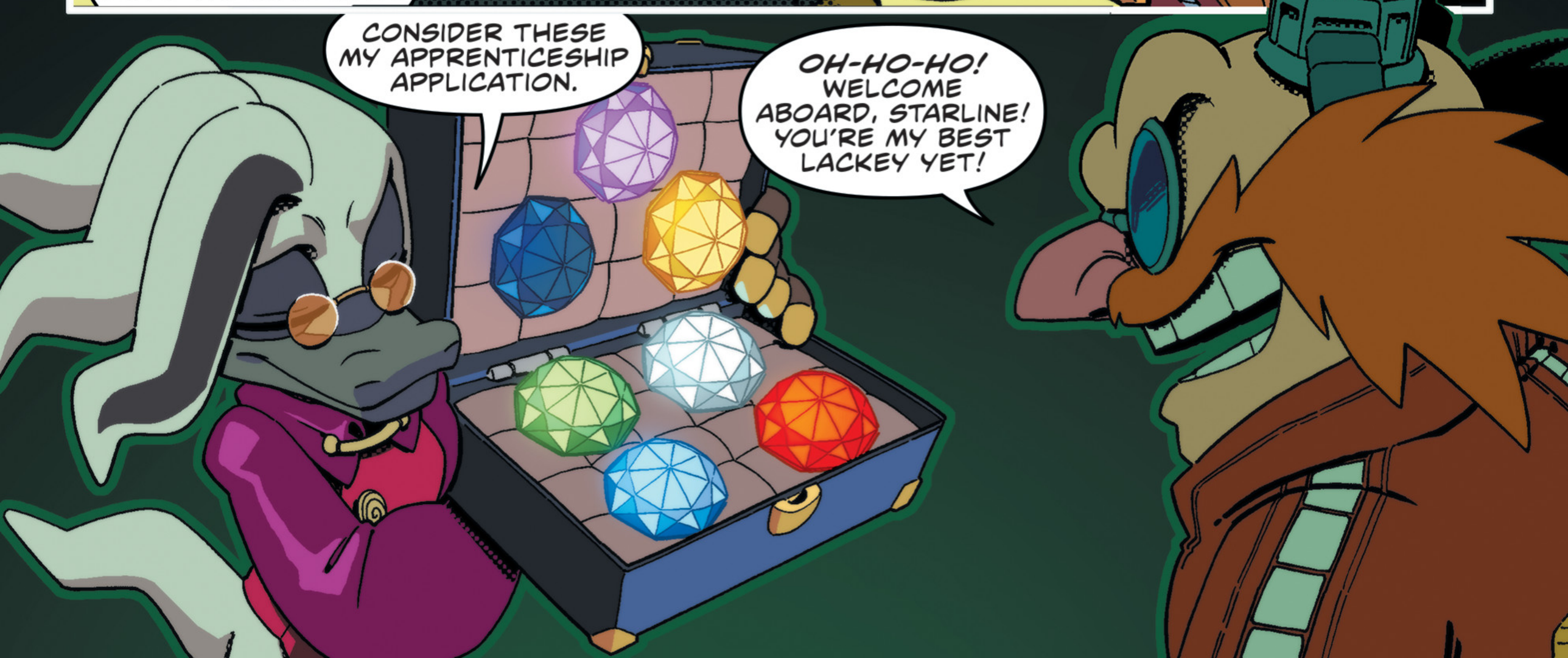
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!
JUST GIVE US THE HARDWARE, DOC! WE'LL HANDLE THE REST!

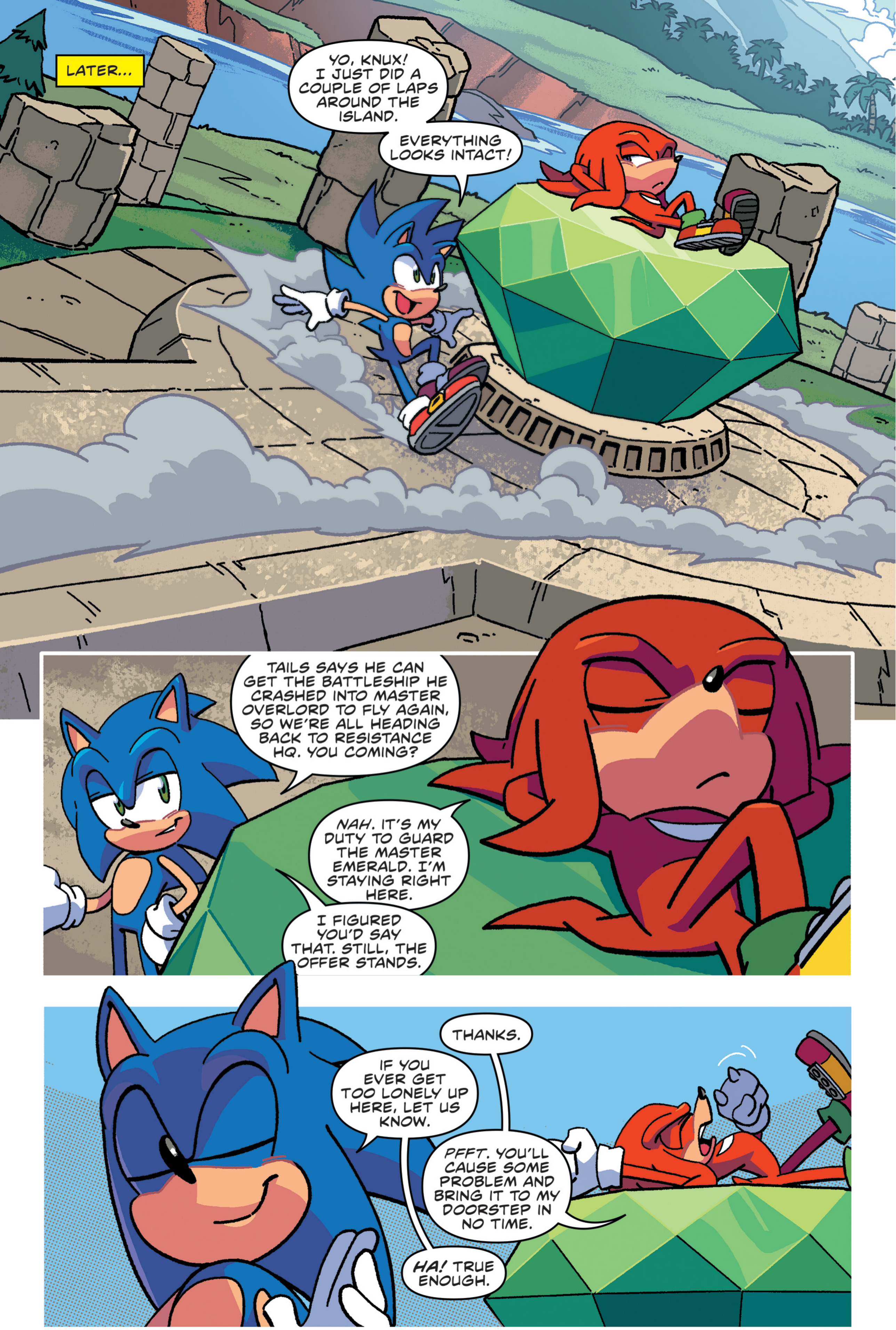

YOU BETTER NOT DISAPPOINT!
THE LAST GROUP I HIRED DIDN'T LAST LONG AGAINST SONIC AND SHADOW!

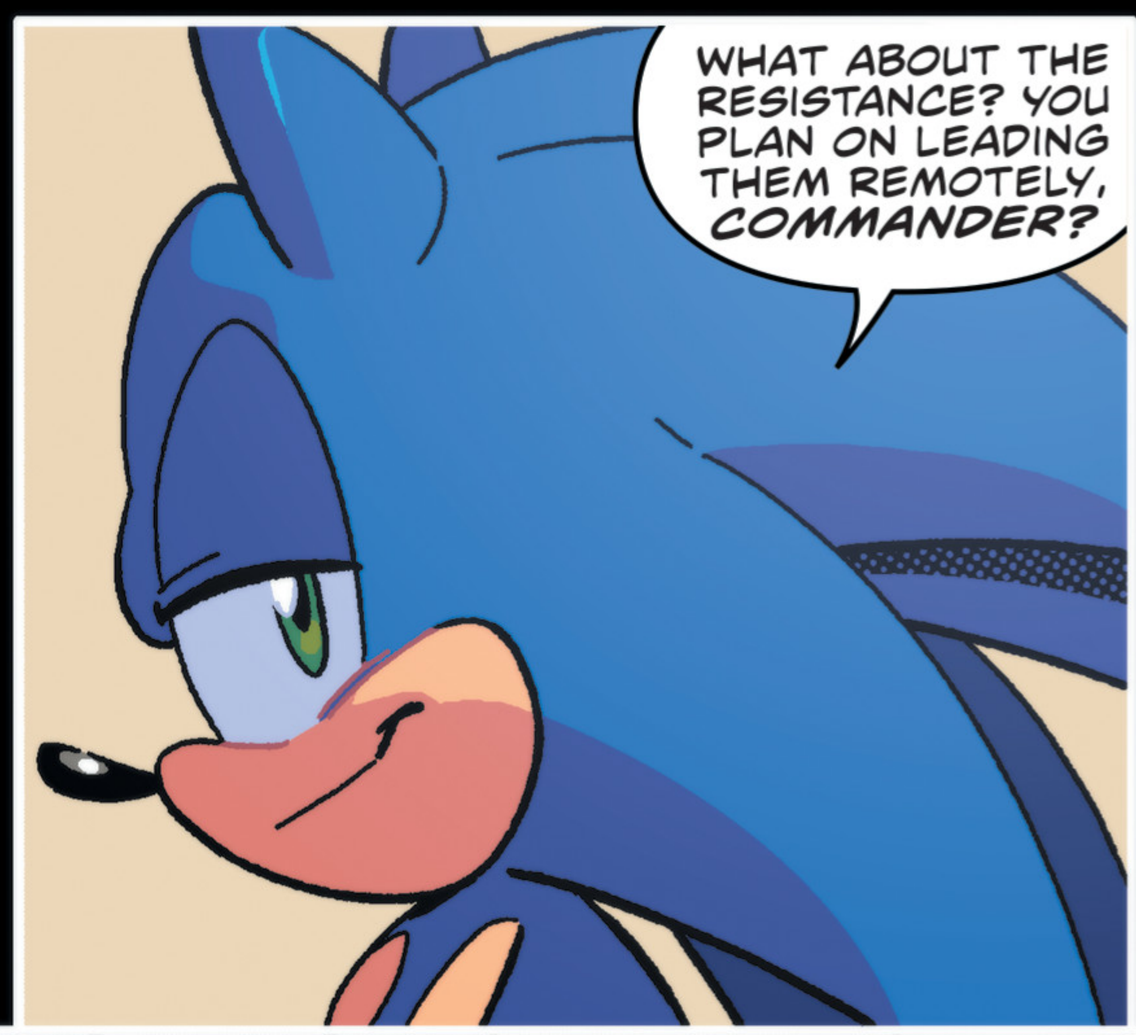
ONE LAST QUESTION AND I SHOULD BE UP TO SPEED. HOW DID YOU GET ME BACK TO MY GLORIOUS, INGENIOUS SELF?
I ADMINISTERED NEURO-STIMULANTS AND AGGRESSIVE HYPNOTHERAPY TO GET YOU BACK TO YOUR SENSES.
AS FOR GETTING YOU HERE, I USED THE POWER OF THE WARP TOPAZ.

WITH THE WHAT-WAS-IT?
WARP TOPAZ. A UNIQUE GEMSTONE I'VE SPENT MY CAREER RESEARCHING.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE CHAOS EMERALDS. THEIR POWER IS CHAOTIC, AND CAN CHANGE GIVEN THE SITUATION OR THEIR USAGE.
NO, THE WARP TOPAZ CAN WARP SPACE TO CREATE GATEWAYS TO OTHER PLACES, PROVIDED IT HAS A POWER SOURCE.

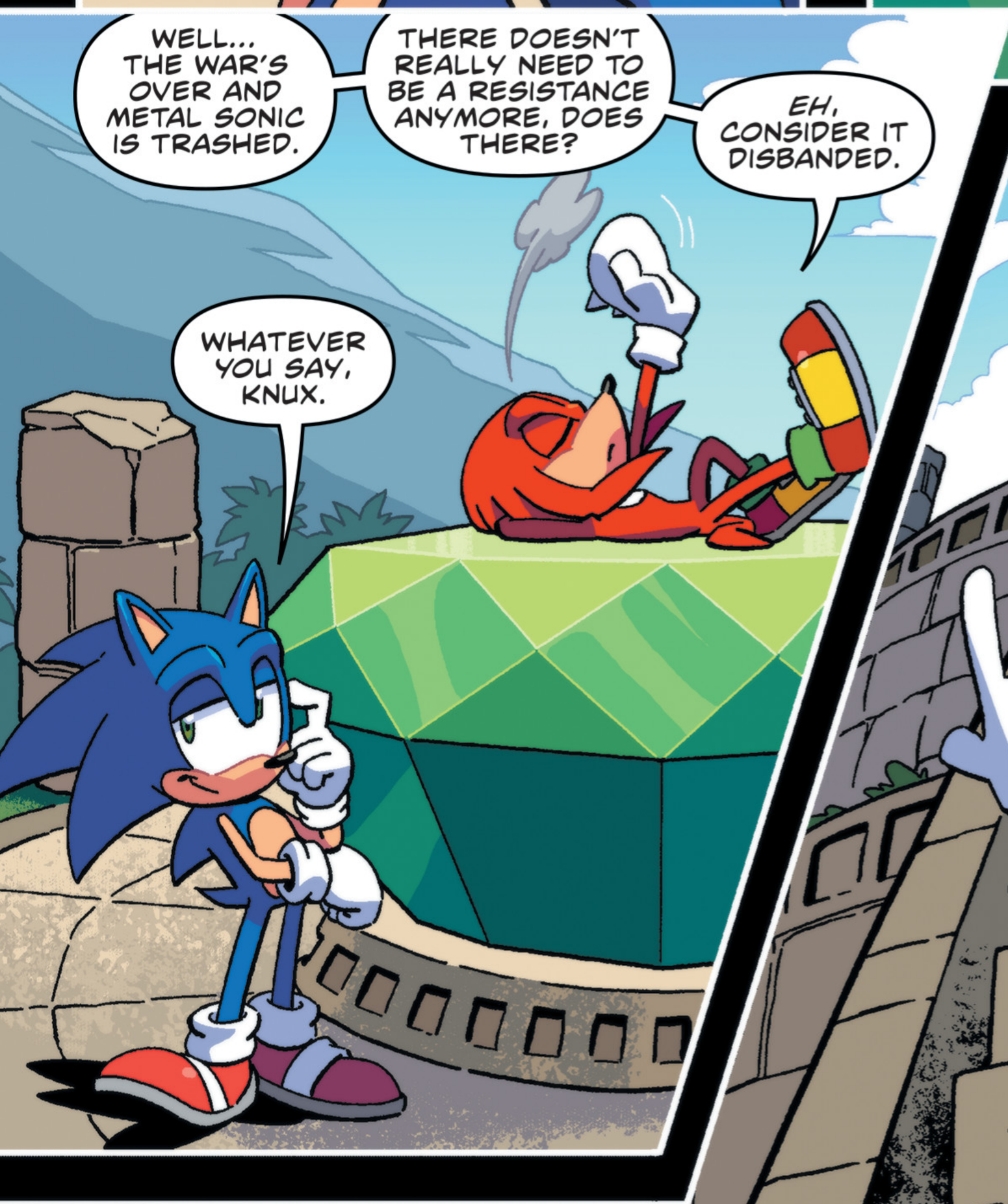
MMM... HARD PASS. I'VE HAD MY FILL OF STRANGE NEW MAGIC STONES.
HEH! I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.
THAT'S WHY I TOOK THE TIME TO SECURE SOMETHING YOU'RE MORE FAMILIAR WITH.

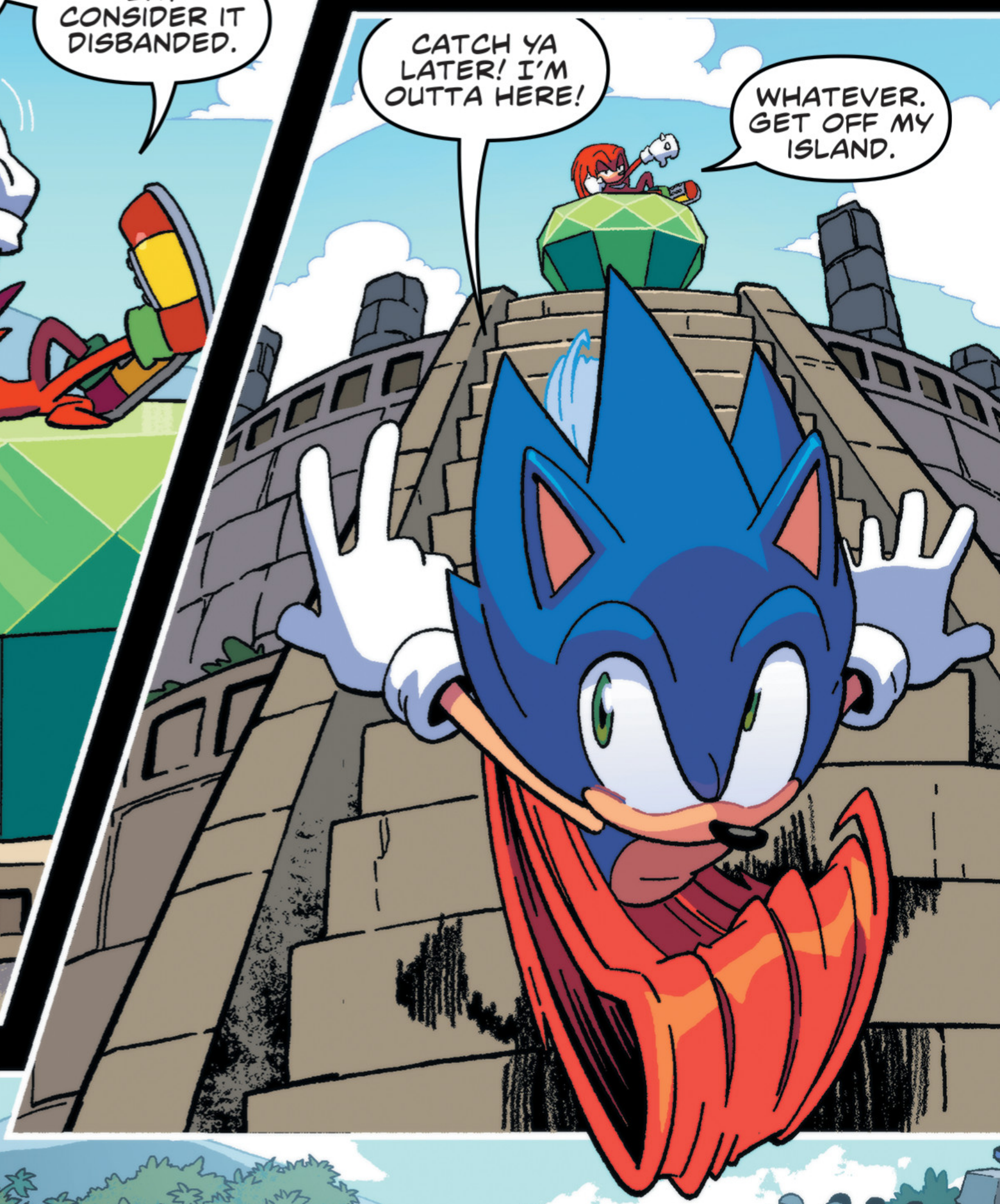

CONSIDER THESE MY APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION.
OH-HO-HO! WELCOME ABOARD, STARLINE! YOU'RE MY BEST LACKEY YET!

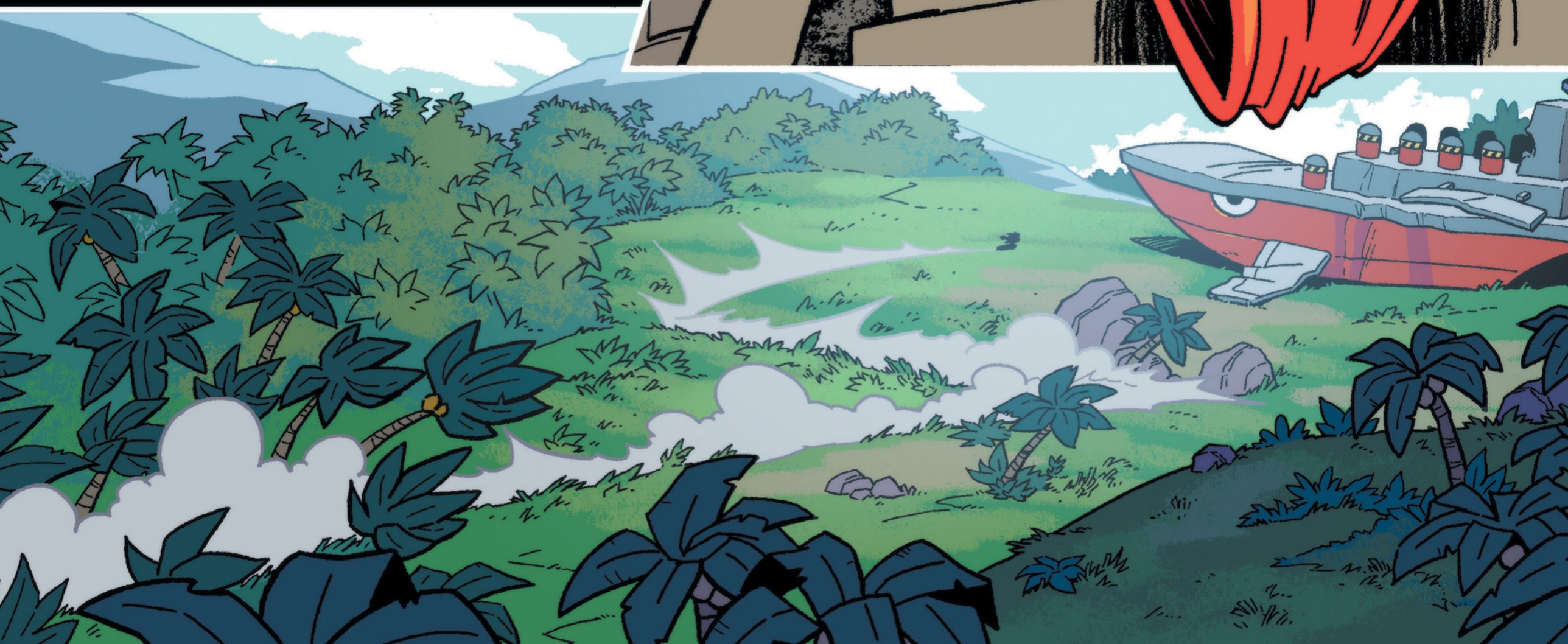

LATER...
YO, KNUX! I JUST DID A COUPLE OF LAPS AROUND THE ISLAND.
EVERYTHING LOOKS INTACT!
TAILS SAYS HE CAN GET THE BATTLESHIP HE CRASHED INTO MASTER OVERLORD TO FLY AGAIN, SO WE'RE ALL HEADING BACK TO RESISTANCE HQ. YOU COMING?
NAH. IT'S MY DUTY TO GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD. I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.
I FIGURED YOU'D SAY THAT. STILL, THE OFFER STANDS.
THANKS.
IF YOU EVER GET TOO LONELY UP HERE, LET US KNOW.
PFFT. YOU'LL CAUSE SOME PROBLEM AND BRING IT TO MY DOORSTEP IN NO TIME.
HA! TRUE ENOUGH.

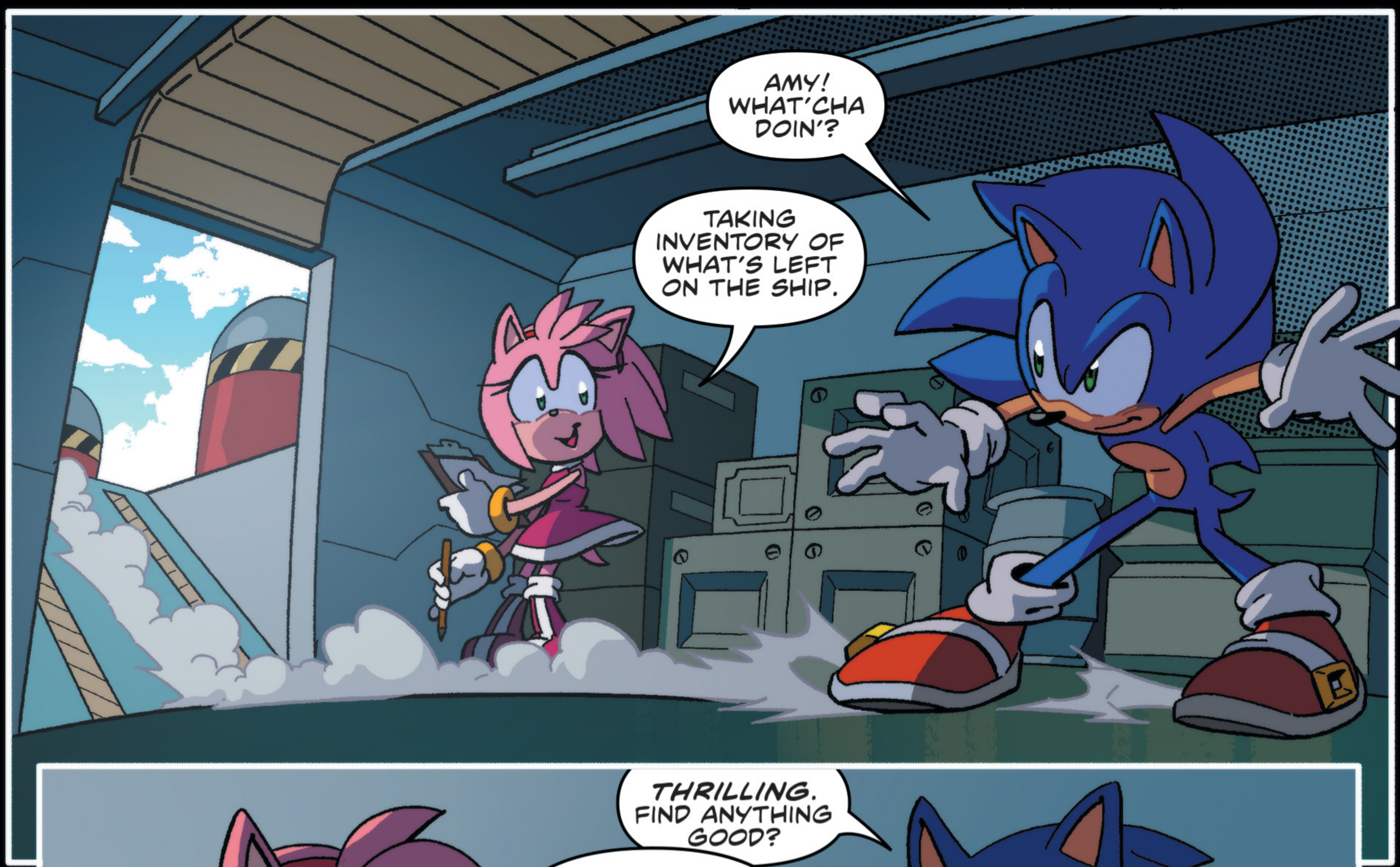

WHAT ABOUT THE RESISTANCE? YOU PLAN ON LEADING THEM REMOTELY, COMMANDER?

OH, YEAH. I DID TAKE COMMAND, DIDN'T I...?

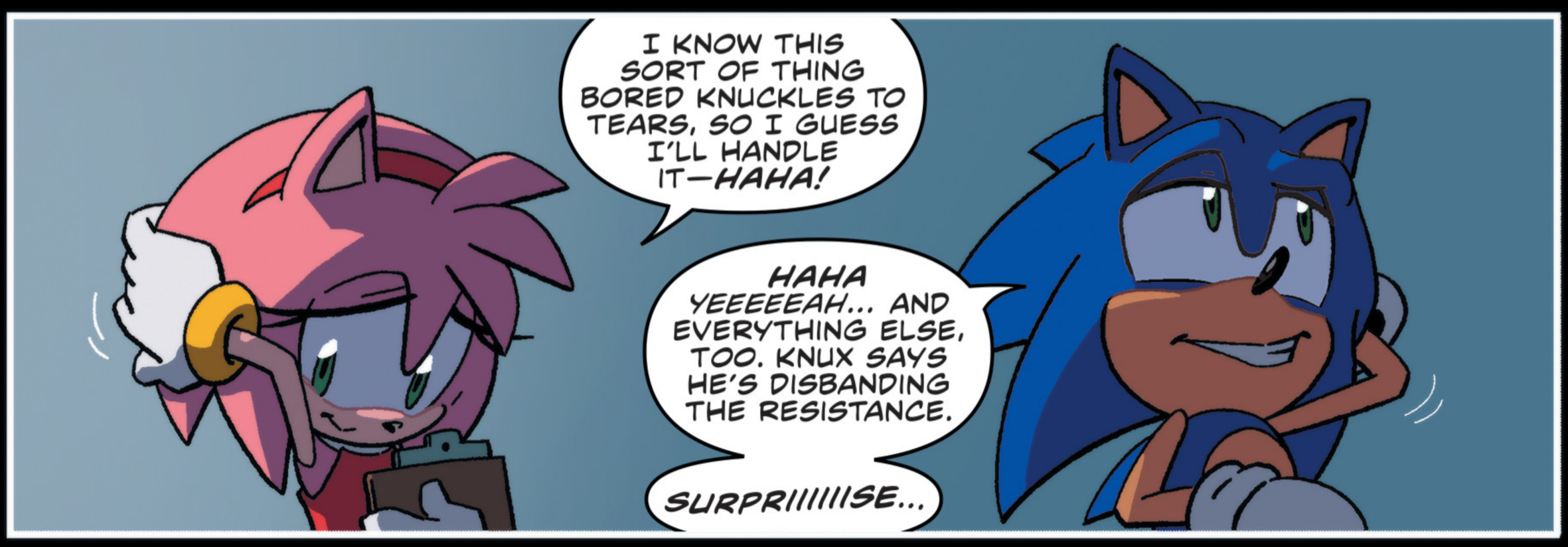

WELL... THE WAR'S OVER AND METAL SONIC IS TRASHED.
THERE DOESN'T REALLY NEED TO BE A RESISTANCE ANYMORE, DOES THERE?
EH, CONSIDER IT DISBANDED.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, KNUX.

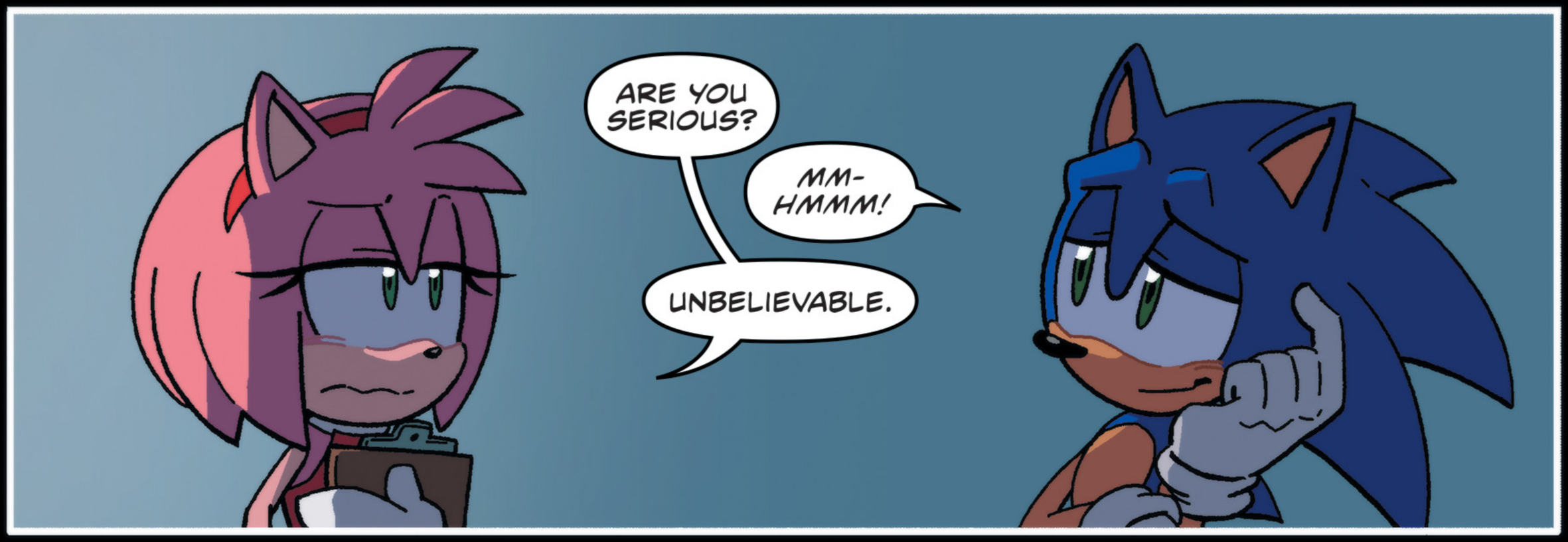

CATCH YA LATER! I'M OUTTA HERE!
WHATEVER. GET OFF MY ISLAND.




AMY! WHAT'CHA DOIN'?
TAKING INVENTORY OF WHAT'S LEFT ON THE SHIP.

THRILLING. FIND ANYTHING GOOD?
YEAH! THERE'S TONS OF RAW MATERIALS HERE! IT'S JUST WHAT THE RESISTANCE NEEDS TO HELP WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS!
COOL!


I KNOW THIS SORT OF THING BORED KNUCKLES TO TEARS, SO I GUESS I'LL HANDLE IT—HAHA!
HAHA YEEEEEAH... AND EVERYTHING ELSE, TOO. KNUX SAYS HE'S DISBANDING THE RESISTANCE.
SURPRIIIIIISE...


ARE YOU SERIOUS?
MM-HMMM!
UNBELIEVABLE.

JUST THE LADY WE WERE LOOKING FOR!

PAYDAY! PAYDAY! WEEEE!

"PAYDAY"? WHAT?

THE CASE OF THE MISSING EGGMAN IS OVER!

WE FOUND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOCTOR, WHO WAS IMPERSONATING HIM, AND HELPED BRING DOWN THE PERP! CASE CLOSED!

OUR REWARD SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL.

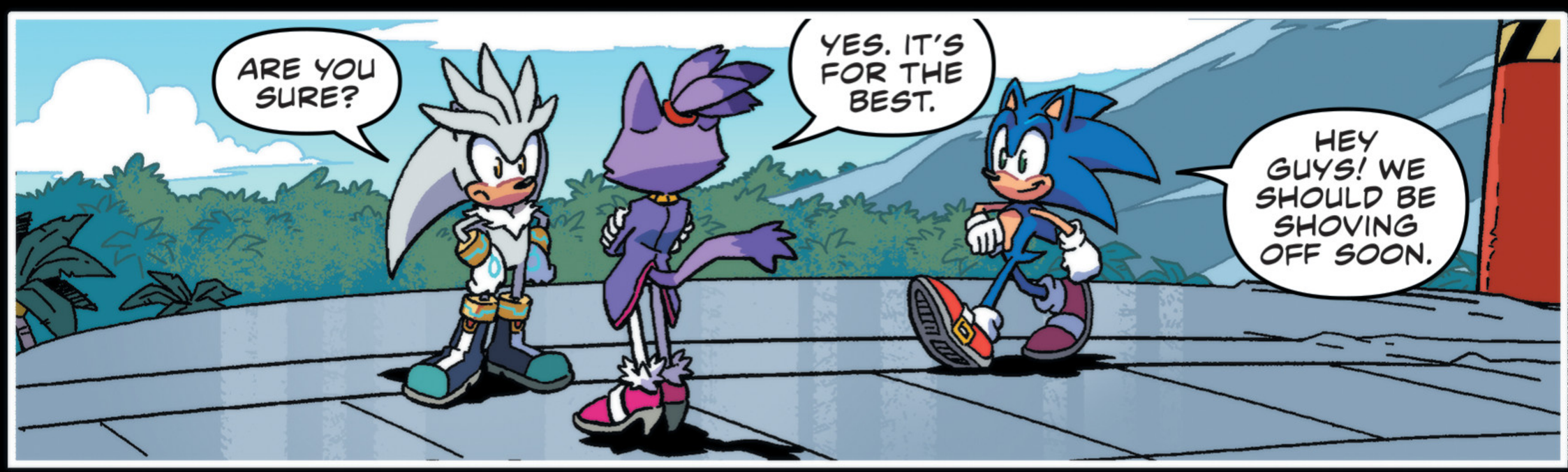
WE'RE GONNA GET FANCY TAKE-OUT!

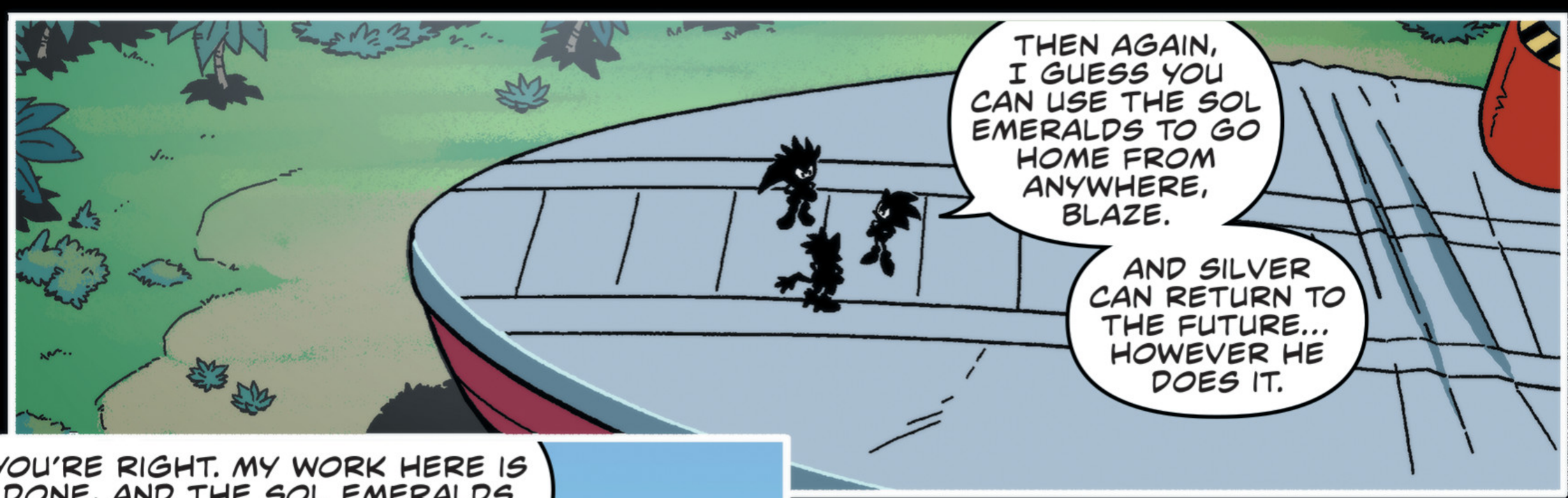
I... BUH... WHUH...

I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OF THE RESISTANCE.

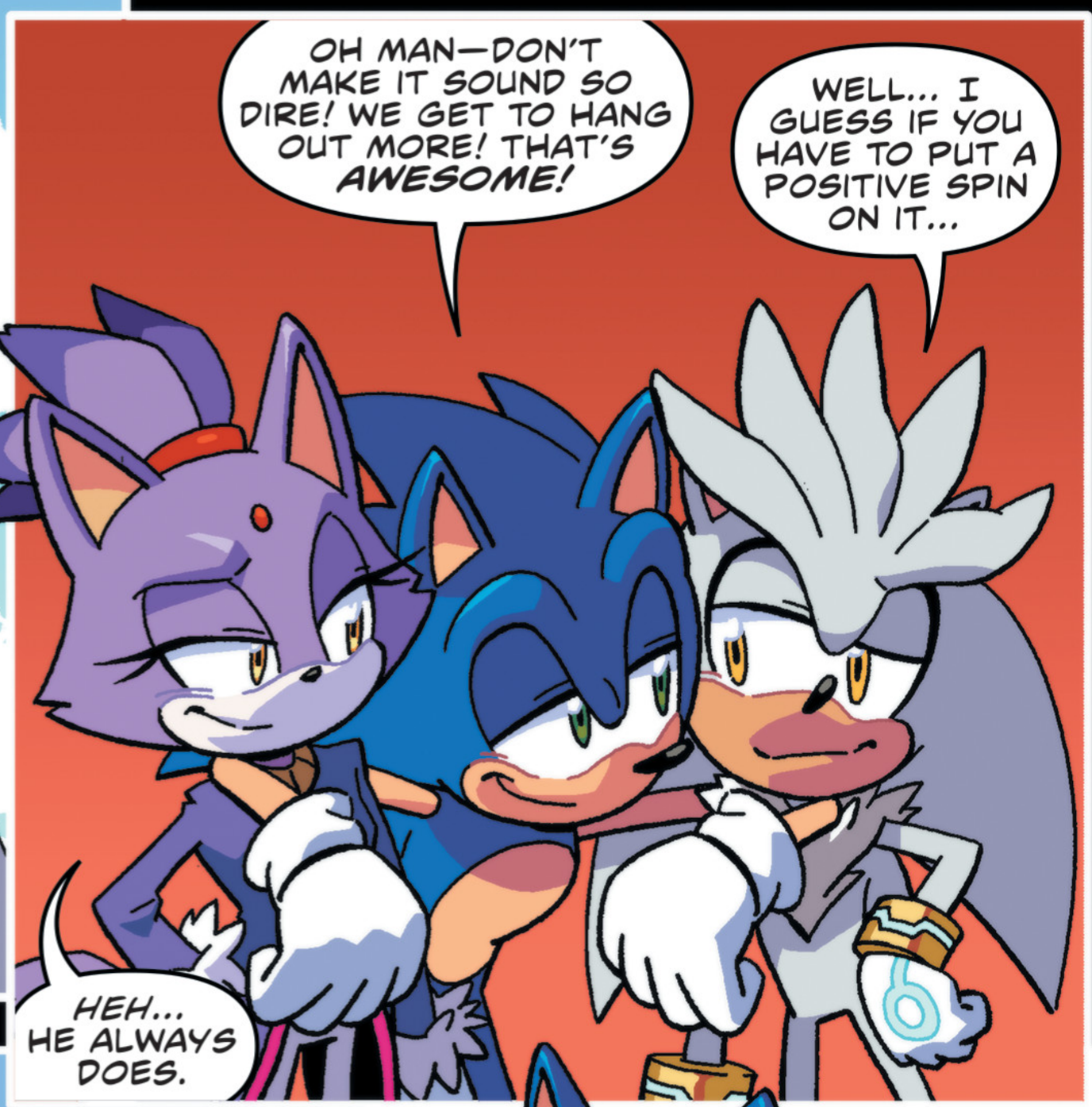
DOESN'T BEING PART OF THE RESISTANCE COUNT AS ANYTHING?!

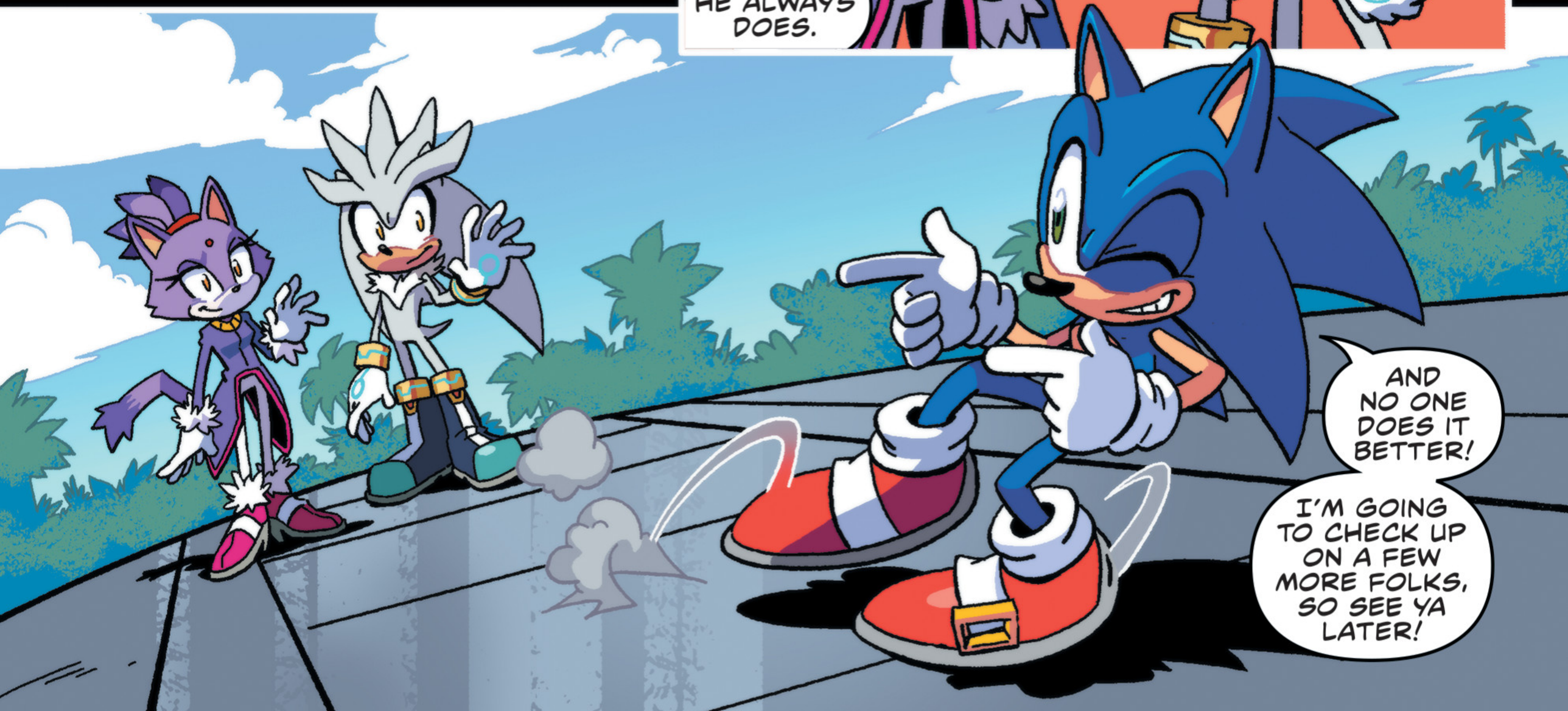
HEY LADIES! ABOUT READY TO HEAD HOME?
YEAH! NO! MAYBE!
I MEAN, SURE, I MISS HOME. BUT I'M ON A FLYING TROPICAL PARADISE! I FOUGHT A ROBOT DRAGON! AND SURVIVED!
THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN SO CRAZY AND COOL! I DON'T THINK I CAN GO BACK TO MY OLD LIFE!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, WHISPER? FEEL LIKE YOU'VE MADE SOME FRIENDS ON THIS TRIP?
OH, SHE'S A RIOT! SHE JUST TOLD ME THE FUNNIEST JOKE!
GO ON! TELL HIM! Y'KNOW, THE ONE ABOUT THE TOASTER?
WHAT'D I SAY?
JUST GIVE HER SOME SPACE. SORRY, WHISPER! I'LL SEE YOU GUYS LATER!

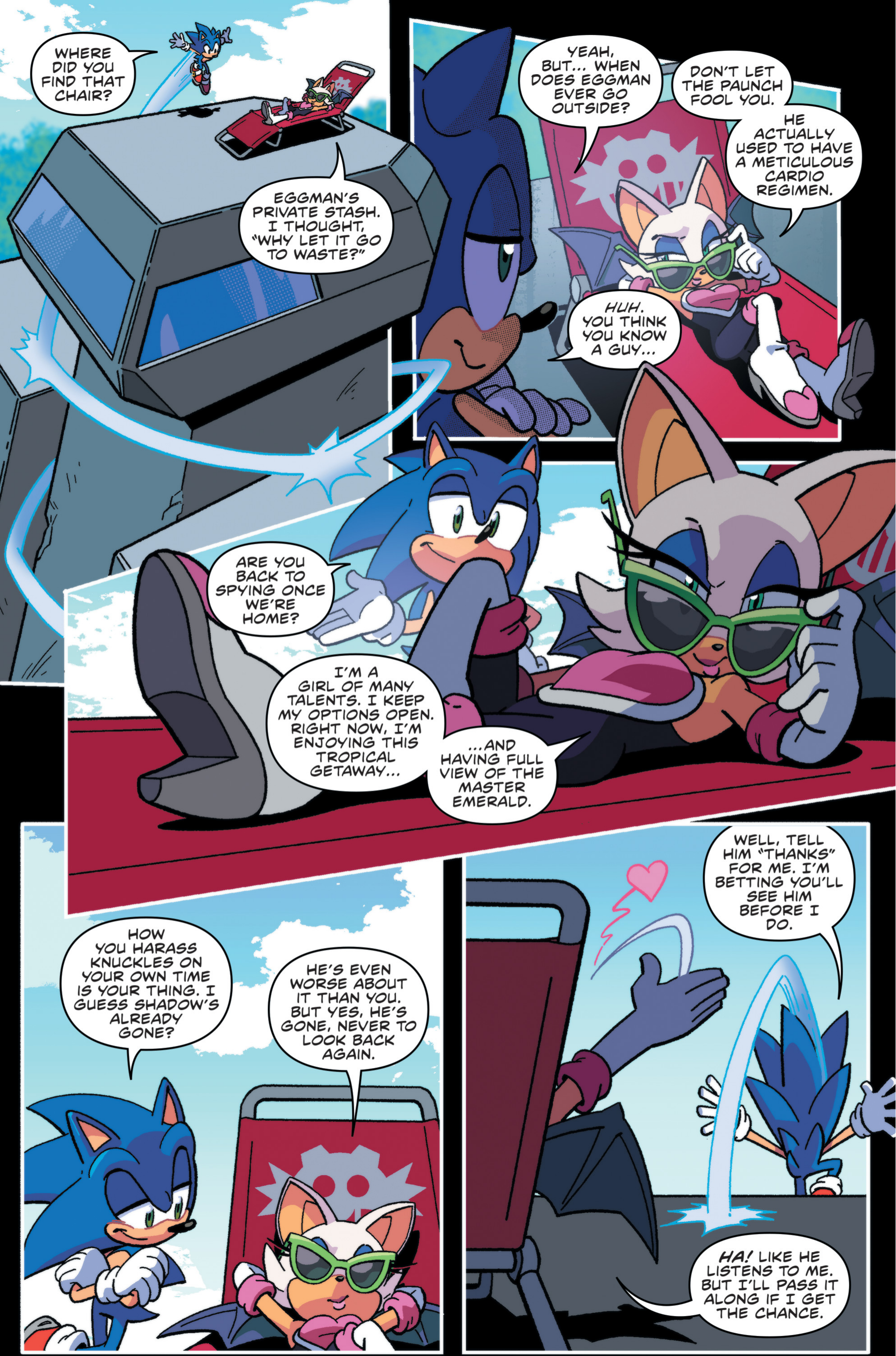

ARE YOU SURE?
YES. IT'S FOR THE BEST.
HEY GUYS! WE SHOULD BE SHOVING OFF SOON.


THEN AGAIN, I GUESS YOU CAN USE THE SOL EMERALDS TO GO HOME FROM ANYWHERE, BLAZE.
AND SILVER CAN RETURN TO THE FUTURE... HOWEVER HE DOES IT.

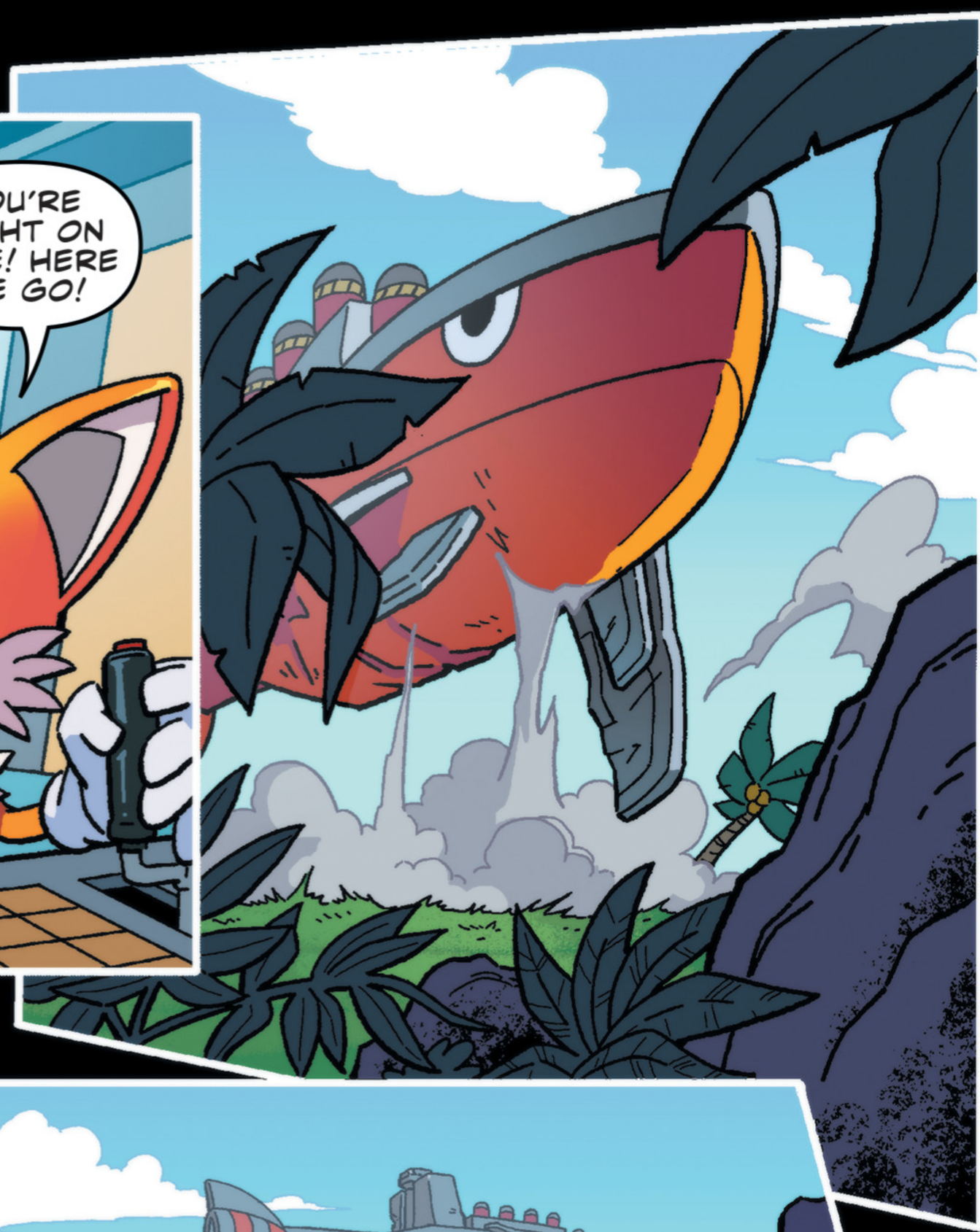
YOU'RE RIGHT. MY WORK HERE IS DONE, AND THE SOL EMERALDS MUST BE RETURNED. I'LL SEE EVERYONE ELSE HOME FIRST, THOUGH.
I'M STAYING. I'VE GOT A NAGGING FEELING THE FUTURE I ESCAPED FROM MIGHT STILL HAPPEN.*
I DON'T THINK THE REAL THREAT HAS PASSED YET.
*STH#8.

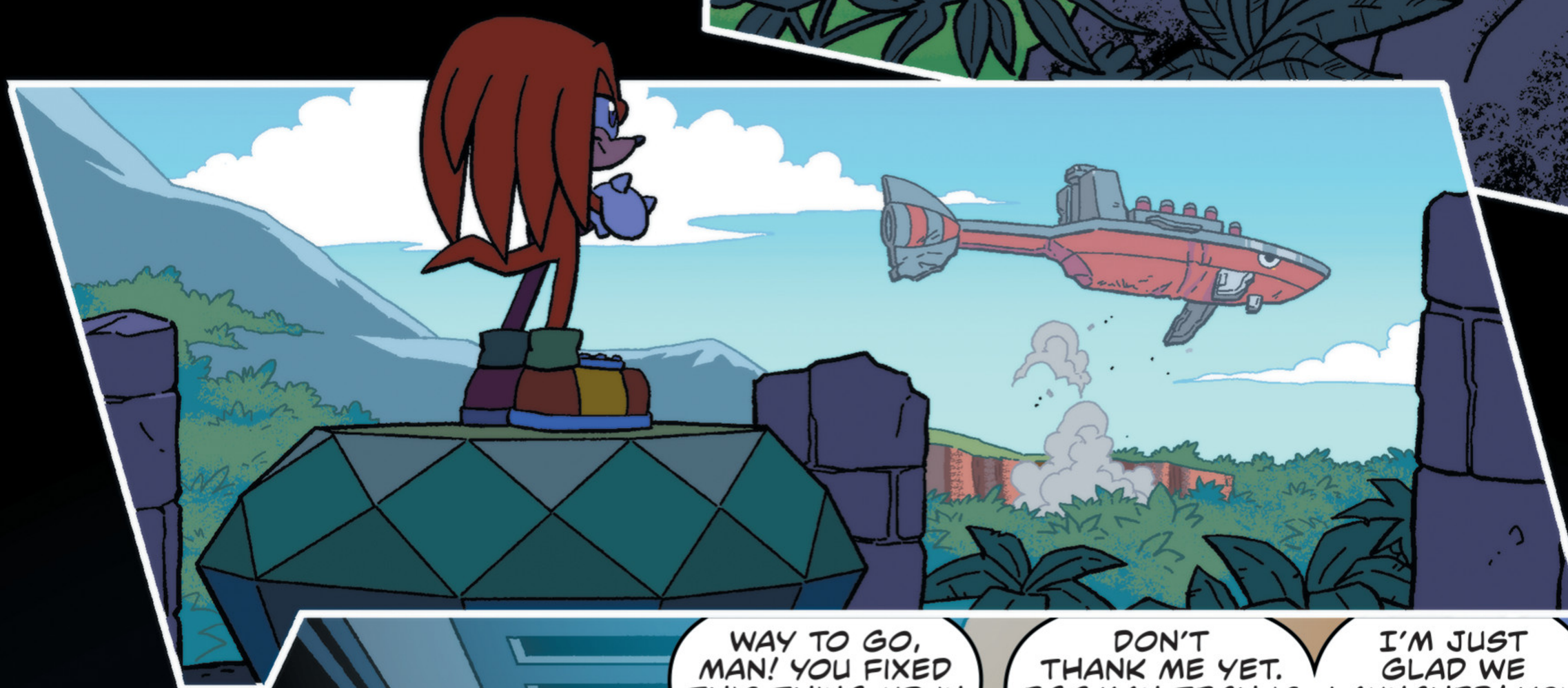

OH MAN—DON'T MAKE IT SOUND SO DIRE! WE GET TO HANG OUT MORE! THAT'S AWESOME!
WELL... I GUESS IF YOU HAVE TO PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON IT...
HEH... HE ALWAYS DOES.

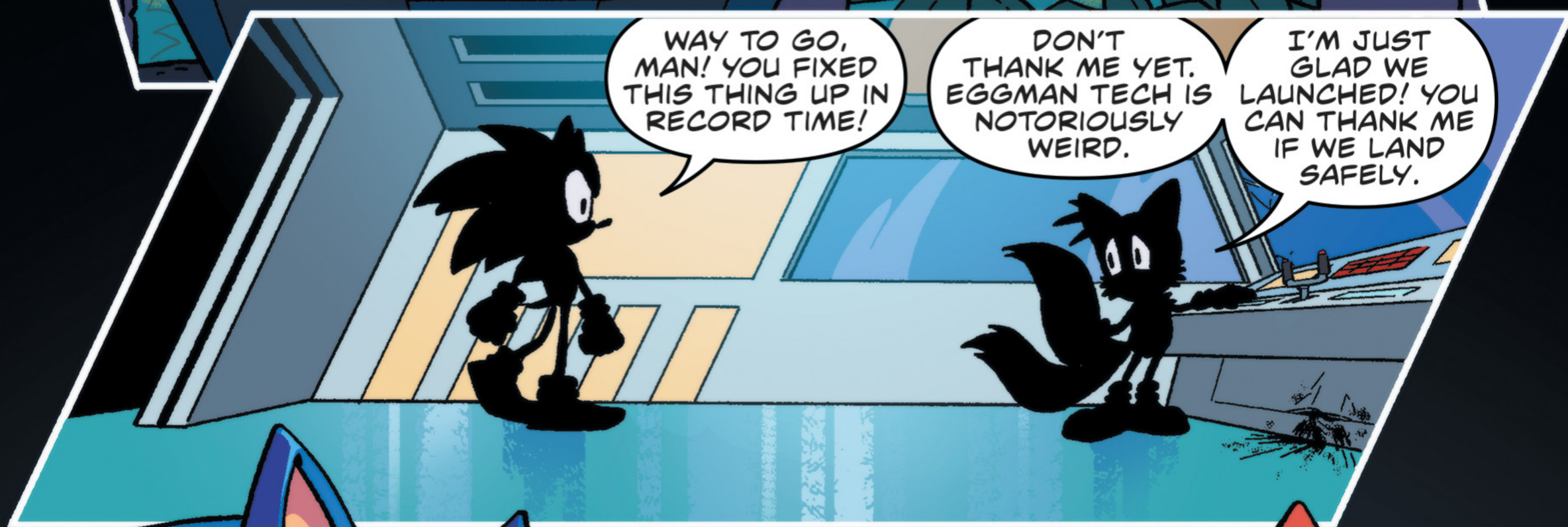

AND NO ONE DOES IT BETTER!
I'M GOING TO CHECK UP ON A FEW MORE FOLKS, SO SEE YA LATER!


WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT CHAIR?
EGGMAN'S PRIVATE STASH. I THOUGHT, "WHY LET IT GO TO WASTE?"
YEAH, BUT... WHEN DOES EGGMAN EVER GO OUTSIDE?
DON'T LET THE PAUNCH FOOL YOU.
HE ACTUALLY USED TO HAVE A METICULOUS CARDIO REGIMEN.
HUH. YOU THINK YOU KNOW A GUY...
ARE YOU BACK TO SPYING ONCE WE'RE HOME?
I'M A GIRL OF MANY TALENTS. I KEEP MY OPTIONS OPEN. RIGHT NOW, I'M ENJOYING THIS TROPICAL GETAWAY...
...AND HAVING FULL VIEW OF THE MASTER EMERALD.
HOW YOU HARASS KNUCKLES ON YOUR OWN TIME IS YOUR THING. I GUESS SHADOW'S ALREADY GONE?
HE'S EVEN WORSE ABOUT IT THAN YOU. BUT YES, HE'S GONE, NEVER TO LOOK BACK AGAIN.
WELL, TELL HIM "THANKS" FOR ME. I'M BETTING YOU'LL SEE HIM BEFORE I DO.
HA! LIKE HE LISTENS TO ME. BUT I'LL PASS IT ALONG IF I GET THE CHANCE.

ARE WE READY TO LIFT OFF, CAPTAIN?
YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME! HERE WE GO!






WAY TO GO, MAN! YOU FIXED THIS THING UP IN RECORD TIME!
DON'T THANK ME YET. EGGMAN TECH IS NOTORIOUSLY WEIRD.
I'M JUST GLAD WE LAUNCHED! YOU CAN THANK ME IF WE LAND SAFELY.

PSSHT! IF WE CRASH, WE CRASH. WE'VE HANDLED WORSE AND COME OUT ON TOP.
YOU KEEP SAYING THAT.
'CAUSE WE KEEP PROVING IT TRUE. HERE'S TO ANOTHER ADVENTURE DONE IN STYLE, BUDDY!
YEAH!

ELSEWHERE...

SO THE BIODATA METAL SONIC COPIED OFF OF SONIC AND SHADOW WAS CORRUPTED? HOW UNFORTUNATE. PERHAPS YOU COULD RECONSTRUCT...?

NO, THE MOMENT'S PASSED. NEO DID WELL, CONSIDERING THE LACK OF MY BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP, BUT IT'S OVER.

BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE HE CAME SO CLOSE. WHY NOT—?

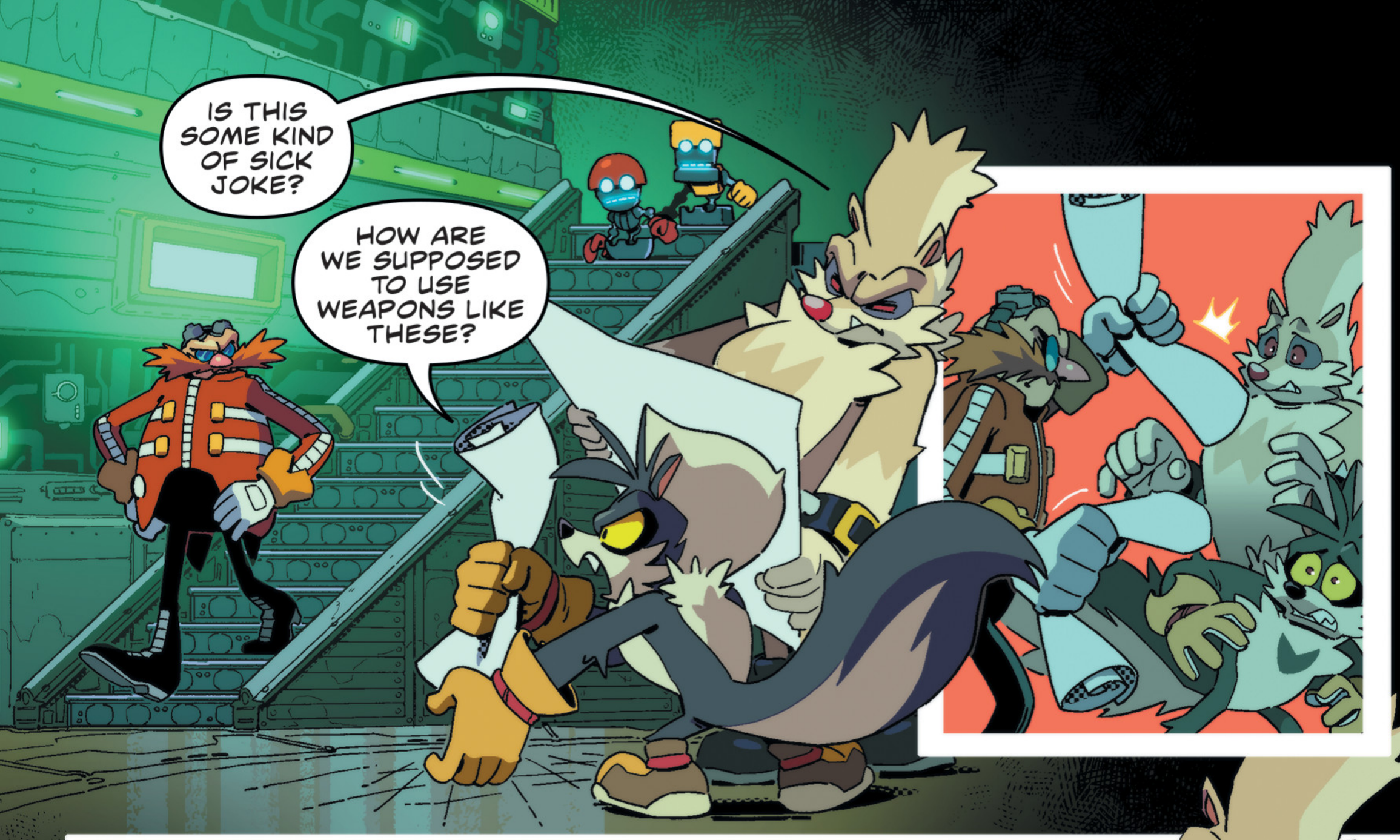
AH-AH-AH! IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE OF PACE!

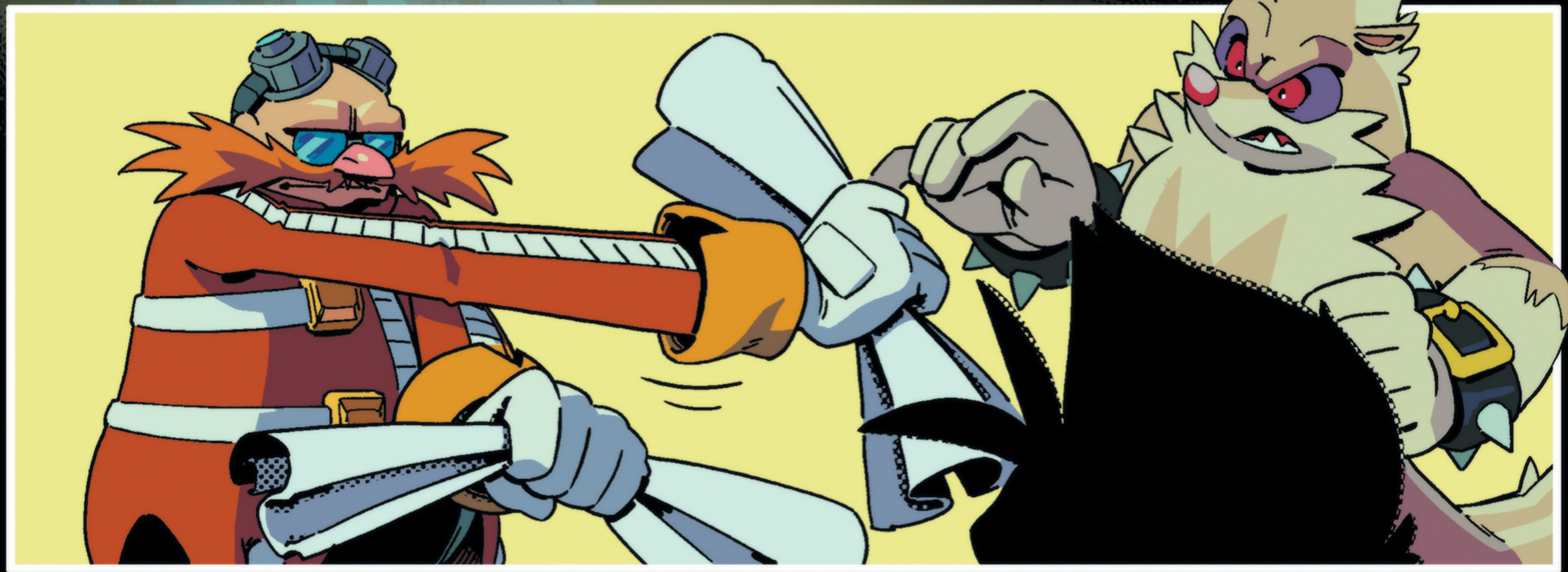
DOES THIS MEAN YOU HAVE A NEW PLAN IN MIND?

OF COURSE! I ALWAYS DO. BUT IT WILL NEED TIME TO TEST AND PREPARE.

WHICH IS WHY I'M PUTTING *YOU* IN CHARGE OF KEEPING SONIC DISTRACTED UNTIL I'M READY!

O-OF COURSE, SIR! IT WILL BE MY HONOR! I KNOW *EXACTLY* HOW TO LURE HIM INTO AN AMBUSH!


IS THIS SOME KIND OF SICK JOKE?
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO USE WEAPONS LIKE THESE?



OH! THIS MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE!
I CAN'T WAIT TO USE THIS!

I CALLED UP THE SCHEMATICS ON FILE AS YOU REQUESTED, BOSS.
ARE YOU SURE YOU REALLY WANT TO UNLEASH *THAT* ON THE WORLD?

OH, YES! YES INDEED!
I'VE SUFFERED QUITE THE INDIGNITY DURING MY LAST SETBACK. NOW THE WORLD WILL BE MADE TO SUFFER IN RETURN!
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